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SECOND TRY ON MANOR HOMES

A SCHEME to build new homes within the grounds of a listed Georgian manor house near Stourbridge will be resubmitted by developers this week.

The proposals for 14 properties on the land around Grade II-listed Wordsley Manor were halted by planners earlier this year amid concerns over wildlife conservation on the site.

Hagley-based developer Selbourne Homes said it had been in talks with both Dudley Council and the Firmstone family, who own the house, to draw up a new strategy for the bid.

It is hoped the revised scheme will appease the authority and conservation group Natural England.

If given the go-ahead the development would fund £400,000 of renovations to the dilapidated house which has been owned by the family for 160 years.

Selbourne Homes managing director Gavin Warr said the talks had been positive and plans were now being completed.

"I'm extremely hopeful that we have done what we needed to do this time forward," he said.

"We have been having continued negotiations with all parties to find a way forward."

HABITAT

"We have changed the layout of the plans and we have prepared a second mitigation strategy."

Wordsley Manor incumbent Christopher Firmstone says the family could be forced to sell up if they cannot fund the works needed at the home.

When the plans were first unveiled Natural England expressed concerns about the habitat of slow worms and bats on the site being disturbed. More than 100 people signed a petition against the proposals.

They were also worried about the loss of open space at the site.

Falcons fly high as they take on Albion Allstars



Forest Falcons manager Bryn Nicholls, centre, with some of the Falcons and the Allstars

FOOTBALL fans raised about £1,400 for a Stourbridge hospice as Albion legends played junior side coaches in a match.

Seventeen managers and coaches at Stourbridge-based Forest Falcons Junior FC played at the War Memorial Athletic ground, High Street, Ambleside against the West Bromwich Albion Allstars.

More than 100 friends, family and fans cheered them on. Ex-Baggies included Richard Sneekes, Daryl Burgess and Stourbridge FC manager Gary Hackett. Cheerleaders from Black Country Rebels welcomed players onto the pitch.

Cash raised through tickets, sponsorship and refreshments was being donated to the Falcons' chosen charity - Mary Stevens Hospice, Stourbridge.

In a close-fought game, the ex-Albion players won 3-2. Falcons chairman Bryn Nicholls, aged

52, said: "Both teams really enjoyed it and the Albion players were really friendly and made it a great day. When we scored there was a great cheer from all the kids which was fantastic."

Before kick-off, hospice head of fundraising and former volunteer with the Falcons, Janet Jones, was introduced to the teams. Mrs Jones said: "Having been involved with Forest Falcons during the early 1990s and being a West Bromwich Albion fan, this was an ideal afternoon out for me."

"I am most grateful for all the work that Bryn and committee members have put into organising this match and to the WBA stars for giving their support."

Junior players were allowed onto the pitch as mascots for the day and posed for photographs with both sets of players before kick off. This year's event was the second to be held and it is hoped it will be brought back again next year.



Richard Sneekes leads out the sides

Thieves take family gran memorials

REMEMBRANCE plaques and ornaments dedicated to the memory of a grandmother have been stolen from the garden of a Dudley home, leaving relatives distraught.

Family members discovered the theft of the items placed in honour of grandmother Olive Verrill, who died 13 years ago at the age of 66.

The tributes were taken from the front garden of the family home in Norwood Road, Brockmoor, Brierley Hill, over the weekend.

Mrs Verrill's granddaughter, Terri-Anne Verrill, aged 24, said she, her 17-year-old sister Olivia and mother Samantha were devastated.

Ribbon

She said: "I feel gutted and upset that someone has stolen such random items, the memorial plaques that were stolen upset me the most."

"She added: "They are not worth any great value in terms of money, it's the sentimental value more than anything."

"We have heard that similar thefts have happened in the area and so we would like to know whether anyone can shed some light on it. There are other ornaments and items in the garden which they didn't take so we don't know why these in particular were targeted," she added.

The plaques were installed about a year ago as until then family members had always tied a ribbon to a tree in the garden marking the anniversary of Mrs Verrill's death. The family believe the items were taken some time between 10pm on Friday



Olivia Shakespeare with a photo of her late grandmother, Olive Verrill

and 5am on Saturday. Two stone plaques were stolen which read "to a special mum" and "to a special nan".

Also taken were three silver solar lights as well as two blue candle holders and a green one.

The family also say that a small blue butterfly fly decorated with glitter and two plant pots including one blue pot in the shape of a shoe were taken. The items were placed either around the tree or near the front doorstep.

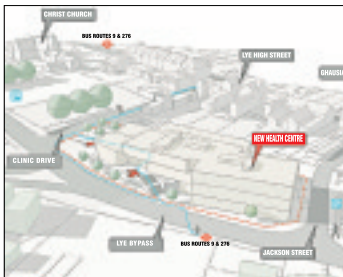
Police have confirmed they are investigating the theft.

Robson confident after cancer op

FORMER England and West Bromwich Albion midfielder Bryan Robson is confident of making a full recovery after surgery for throat cancer.

Robson, aged 54, who is currently managing Thailand, had the operation in Bangkok on March 3 and is preparing to start a five-week course of treatment next week.

He said: "I'm over in England for a week and I'll get a second opinion from a specialist, but I am confident about going back out there and receiving the treatment."



An impression of how the centre will look

Medical centre plan unveiled

THE FIRST designs for a new £7million medical centre offering GP practices and specialist treatments in Lye have been unveiled.

Health bosses hope the centre will be open by August 2013. Under the plans the Limes Surgery in High Street and the Pedmore Road Surgery would relocate to the centre along with the Health for Life shop.

There would also be treatment rooms including physiotherapy, podiatry, speech and language therapy and phlebectomy which involves collecting blood samples.

The centre, which will be built between Clinic Drive and Jackson Street, would house a pharmacy, cafe and meeting rooms, which could be used by community groups.

Midwifery and community nursing teams and counselling services would be based in the centre and there would be space outside for a mobile breast screening unit. Architects are drawing up plans for the complex and residents are now being consulted on the Dudley Primary Care Trust project. Plans can be viewed at the surgery in Chapel Street, The Limes and Pedmore Road, as well as Lye Library and Christ Church in High Street.

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Firms left without power by theft

A METAL THIEF who stole £100 of copper wiring from an electric substation on a Lye industrial estate has been given a community sentence and ordered to pay £400 compensation.

Some firms were left without power for hours after unemployed Ian Tittle, of High Street, Lye, went to the Stamburgh Estate in Timmis Road armed with wire cutters, bolt cutters, a screwdriver and a torch and ripped three metres of copper wiring from an Eon substation.

He was spotted by a security guard at about 8pm on February 27 and was later arrested.

Police found the 35-year-old was armed with the tools used to steal the metal. Dudley Magistrates Court heard on March 22. He was given a 12-month community order, with supervision and curfew after pleading guilty to the theft.

He must pay £400 compensation, including £100 for replacing the copper and £300 for labour on the repair, plus £85 court costs.

Holiday headache with schools taking time off

CHILDREN across the West Midlands will be in school for as few as four days over a four-week period during April and May due to a series of holidays and special events.

A combination of Easter, the Royal Wedding, May Day, local elections and teacher training days will create a bumper holiday for pupils and teachers – and a major headache for parents.

Easter holidays start on April 11 and some pupils, including those in Wolverhampton and Walsall, do not return to school until April 27 – two days after Easter Monday. There will then be only two days of lessons before schools take another day off for the Royal Wedding on Friday, April 29. Then it's back for just two days for some the week after, with May Day on May 2.

Schools close to become polling stations for the local elections on Thursday, May 5 and then some schools are taking Friday, May 6 off as a teacher training day.

In Dudley, Sandwell and Staffordshire, children return to school after their Easter break on April 26 and then take off the royal wedding day. Lobby group Mothers Who Work said the days off will put parents through stress.

Calendar

Joycellyn Akuffo, of Mothers Who Work, said: "The school calendar is hard enough for working parents without having these extra holiday headaches."

"Parents can't take that much time off work."

Wolverhampton council spokesman Paul Brown said: "For 2010/11 and 2011/12 the school year has been reduced by one day for the additional bank holidays for the Royal Wedding and the Queen's Jubilee respectively."

A diary of holidays and days off in April and May

APRIL 11	APRIL 12	APRIL 13	APRIL 14	APRIL 15
School Hols				
APRIL 18	APRIL 19	APRIL 20	APRIL 21	APRIL 22
School Hols				
APRIL 25	APRIL 26	APRIL 27	APRIL 28	APRIL 29
OFF! Easter Monday	School Hols (W'son and Walsall)	IN	IN	OFF! Royal Wedding
MAY 2	MAY 3	MAY 4	MAY 5	MAY 6
OFF! May Day	IN	IN	OFF! Local Elections	OFF! Training Day

Trainees get set for work

TOP Black Country entertainment venues have taken on two new trainees and offered them six-month placements under a new apprenticeship scheme.

Samm Wall, of Ettingshall Park, Wolverhampton, and Reece Healey, of Bilston, both aged 18, started last week after responding to an ad in the Chronicle series' sister paper, the Express & Star.

Reece will help organise and promote events at Wolverhampton's Civic and Wulfrun halls, while Samm will do clerical and administrative duties. And Luke Dalton, 24, of Wordsley, Stourbridge, is joining Wolverhampton City Council's Archives and Local Studies Service at the former Molineux Hotel.

The three posts were made possible through grants from the Government's Future Jobs Fund. Mark Blackstock, Civic Halls manager, said: "We really hope that the time they spend with us will help them secure a career in the world of entertainment."



Showing off their new staff passes outside Wolverhampton's Civic Hall on their first day were Samm Wall, front, Reece Healey and Luke Dalton

Police in blitz on criminals holds 240

MORE THAN 200 criminals were arrested in a two-week police operation which saw more than £100,000 seized.

Black Country officers joined criminal justice agencies in Operation Crackdown to tackle criminals with outstanding breach warrants, committal to prison warrants and fines.

The operation, which ran from March 14-24, saw police and the court service pursue criminals who had not co-operated with their community and court orders.

Ten teams made up of two court officers and one police officer went out daily, arresting those with outstanding fines and orders.

Mobile

Criminals were taken to a mobile police station site, booked in, and then taken to Warley Magistrates Court.

There a dedicated court dealt with each criminal.

Sites were at West Bromwich Albion Foundation, West Bromwich, Showell Road park and ride in Wolverhampton and Kewway Retail Park, Willenhall.

Over two weeks the teams arrested 241 people.

Sgt Helen Carver, co-ordinating the operation, said those arrested had a chance to speak to addiction service staff about support to deal with their problems.

Warehouse to get bigger

A CRADLEY HEATH manufacturing firm, which has been in business for more than 20 years, is set to expand its warehouse to add extra machinery.

The move at Sentinel Plastics has been given the go-ahead by planning chiefs.

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three years thanks to the growing demand for wind turbines.

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Couple tell of blaze nightmare at home

AN ELDERLY couple have told how they fled their home with their dog as a blaze raged through the roof.

And they have heaped praise on the 55-strong fire crew that tackled the inferno, saving treasured possessions.

Pensioner Tim Cherry, aged 74, and his wife Ruth, 76, were alerted to the blaze after the young son of a neighbour in Hartle Lane, Belbroughton, near Stourbridge, spotted the flames at about 6.15pm on Tuesday, March 22.

They left safely with their collie, Jimmy. But their elderly cat Clarence is thought to have fled the scene and is now missing.

The blaze ripped through the roof, bringing ceilings down into upstairs rooms.

But Mr Cherry, a retired senior development engineer for Cadbury's, said: "It would have been a lot worse if not for the fantastic job done by the fire crews."

"They even moved furniture and other belongings and covered them with plastic sheeting. We are also very grateful to our neighbours for raising the alarm."

The fire is thought to have been started by an electrical fault in a loft room. Neighbour Sabina Devincintis called the fire brigade and alerted the couple when her son Amadao saw the flames.

Failure

Mr Cherry said: "We had been watching the news when there was a power failure. We checked the fuses, which were all OK, and rang the electricity board. Then Mrs Devincintis told us about the fire and we left the house."

Six fire engines, from stations including Kidderminster, Bromsgrove and Stourbridge, attended the blaze. Hereford and Worcester fire brigade also sent an incident command bus, as well as a water carrier and specialist salvage crew. The Highways Agency closed Hartle Lane to traffic through the night as the crews continued work.

Worcester fire station commander Mark Strutt said: "We had the blaze under control in 30 minutes but continued cutting away to identify hot spots which were still smouldering."

Mr and Mrs Cherry, a retired GP practice nurse, then went to stay with their daughter, Helen, and son-in-law, Dom King, who live in the same street. Hereford and Worcester fire service said a firefighter was injured but would not comment further.



Tim Cherry, aged 74, surveys the damage outside his home

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Banned fan, 35, failed to sign in

A FOOTBALL fan who was banned from attending games failed to sign in at a police station on the day of an England match, a court heard.

Michael Kendrick, aged 35, of Vicarage Prospect, Dudley, has to surrender his passport and visit West Bromwich police station on the day of international games. He was made the subject of a football banning order in 2005 after being involved in violence following a West Bromwich Albion v Aston Villa match.

Dudley magistrates heard on March 23 that Kendrick failed to turn up before the England v Denmark match last month. He pleaded guilty to two counts of failing to comply with a football banning order and was fined £50 on each.

Reminder

Mr Barry Sealeaf, prosecuting, said Kendrick had received a caution for similar offences in September.

He said Kendrick should have received a reminder from the Football Banning Authority but he said in interview that it had not arrived.

Mr Simon Hamblett, defending, said Kendrick no longer had any interest in football and had not kept an eye on the fixtures. He had yet to receive a letter ahead of the England game against Wales.

Kendrick was ordered to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Editor Bronwen is the talk of the papers for civic win

Full list of award winners

Duncan Edwards Award for Sport

SHAHZADA Saleem, aged 45, who owns Sedgley-based Beacon Taxis and lives in Ploverdale Crescent, Kingswinford, last July made a heavyweight return to the Asian sport of "stone lifting" – beating the world record he set 14 years earlier.

He lifted a stone, weighted with lead, weighing 210kg – 10kg more than his 1996 record – in front of 10,000 people in Manchester.

Shahzada said: "I've got lots of gold medals but this civic award is worth more to me than all of them."

Cedric Hardwicke Award for Arts

Lindsay Newton, aged 62, of Cot Lane, Kingswinford, is chairman of Dudley Arts Council and was, for 10 years, head of development of children's services for Dudley Council, until he retired 18 months ago.

He had previously been a music teacher and was head of the arts faculty at Coseley School. His services to the arts include gaining funding for Dormston Theatre



Back from left, Anne Penn, Barbara Perks, Alan Hackett, Claire Starmer-Jones, Lindsay Newton, David Harcourt and Elsie Maybury. Front, Shahzada Saleem, Mayoress Hilary Miller, Mayor Peter Miller, Joanne Gresswell and Bronwen Hall.

and Arts Centre in Sedgley.

Frank Foley Award for Community Spirit

David Harcourt, of Pedmore, Stourbridge, has spearheaded Stourbridge's successes in winning a silver, two silver gilt and three gold awards in the Heart of England region of Britain in Bloom.

He is manager of Waitrose supermarket in Stourbridge and organises the town's annual carnival.

Thomas Attwood Award for Education

Anne Penn, aged 59, headteacher for 27 years at St James's Church of England Primary School,

in Wollaston, Stourbridge, will retire in July after a total of 38 years as a teacher.

She was previously deputy head at Quarry Bank Middle School and started her career at The Brook Primary in Wordsley.

Miss Penn, who lives in Wollaston, is the longest serving headteacher in the borough.

She said: "I was speechless when I heard I had won this award."

Special Project Award

Claire Starmer-Jones, aged 41, of Bridgnorth Road, Wolverhampton, led the Brierley Hill Pony Trail project last year, which saw a total of 30

decorated fibre glass horses placed at various points along the roads of the town.

Mrs Starmer-Jones is arts development officer for Dudley Performing Arts and organised the pony trail with the Brierley Hill Arts and Culture Group, encouraging local schools, colleges and individuals to decorate the fibre glass models to brighten up a route around the town.

"We worked with local artists, who went into the organisations to guide them as they painted or decorated the ponies with mosaic or, in one case, little mirrors," she said.

Mayor's Award

Bronwen Hall, co-ordinator of the Black Country Talking Newspaper and Magazine for the last four years.

Besides co-ordinating the 10 volunteers she acts as editor, deciding what news to feature on the CDs that are sent to 260 blind or partially sighted listeners.

Mrs Hall, who lives in Kidderminster, said she was glad to be working at the talking newspaper after a career change from librarian – and to be based in Stourbridge, where she was educated at Gigmill Primary and the former Stourbridge Girls High.

THE WOMAN who leads a "talking" newspaper and magazine that brings "light to a dark tunnel" for 260 blind and partially-sighted people clinched a major Dudley civic award, thanks to an online vote by the people of the borough.

Almost 600 votes were cast for the four people and organisations nominated for the Mayor's Award. And the winner was Bronwen Hall, coordinator of the Stourbridge-based Black Country Talking Newspaper and Magazine.

Five other Civic Awards were also presented on Tuesday, March 22.

The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Peter Miller handed them out for sport, the arts, community spirit, education and a "special project".

Mrs Hall, of Kidderminster, coordinates the 10 volunteers who work for the talking newspaper, which provides an audio news and information service for people with sight loss.

Founder

The newspaper is based at the Pocklington Resource Centre, in Oldswinford. One of its listeners commented: "You bring some light to a dark tunnel."

Councillor Miller had nominated Mrs Hall as well as Asima Khalid, founder of Apni Zaroorat, a community organisation in Lye, Pat Randle, who launched the St Andrew's Residents Trust (START) in Netherton, and Kingswinford-based Chatback Productions, which involves teenagers in foster care making films about the issues that affect them.

The Duncan Edwards award for sport went to Shahzada Saleem, from Kingswinford.

The Cedric Hardwicke award for arts, was won by Lindsay Newton, of



Bronwen Hall receiving her award from the Mayor, Councillor Peter Miller

Kingswinford, chairman of Dudley Arts Council. The Frank Foley award for community spirit went to David Harcourt, driving force behind the annual Stourbridge in Bloom bid.

The Thomas Attwood award for education winner was Anne Penn, head at St James's Church of England Primary School, Wollaston.

The special project award went to Claire Starmer-Jones, development officer for Dudley Performing Arts.

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Stray ponies bed down at hospital

PEOPLE have been warning for months they are an accident waiting to happen.

And three of the dozens of stray horses roaming the Dudley borough have turned up outside the accident and emergency unit at Russells Hall Hospital.

One patient who needed her hand x-rayed delayed going in because she was worried about the ponies and started phoning the RSPCA, police and Dudley Council for help.

Others, who felt sorry for the animals, fed them apples. Anxious parents ushered their children away as they tried to pet them on March 22.

"I saw one car drive straight at them and I shouted at the driver to slow down because the horses were spooked," said Melanie Davies, a health and safety consultant, of Collins Close, Quinton.

"All three ponies looked thin and were not in good condition and one had an injury to his back leg."

"I hurt my hand a few weeks ago and arrived to get it x-rayed but I spent ages phoning the RSPCA, the police and the council before I went in."

"I feel irate because I gather these horses are wandering around all the time but the RSPCA, council and police will not do anything."

"Do we have to wait for



A pony takes a break outside A&E at Russells Hall Hospital

a child to be hurt or an animal involved in a serious accident for something to be done?"

Councillor Steve Waltho, who is also a governor of Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust, said: "The problem of stray horses is reaching farcical proportions."

"I was out for a social drink in Wordsley on Sunday and saw six horses that had been

locked into the grounds of The Mere education centre."

"I raised the problem at the select committee on the environment on Monday night."

John Millar, director of urban environment at Dudley Council, said: "Extensive work is ongoing behind the scenes and we have been working closely with the police to deal with the strays."

Sporting chance

MORE THAN 300 students arrived at Stourbridge's Old Swinford Hospital school to celebrate a festival of sports.

The state boarding school was the venue for the event which put students' sporting skills to the test.

Pupils had the chance to compete alongside 11 schools from across the country in sports ranging from netball to football.

Many of the events made use of the school's new sports facilities including the all-weather pitches. An awards ceremony was held at the end of the day in the Foley Centre.

Tenants get say

COUNCIL house tenants in Dudley are being urged to sign up to have their say on how services are run.

The council is recruiting tenant members for its five area housing panels - Brierley Hill, Dudley, Halesowen, North Dudley and Stourbridge.

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Ambulances delayed by over 5,000 hours

AMBULANCE crews in the West Midlands lost more than 5,000 hours in a year waiting outside hospitals to hand over responsibility for patients.

Paramedics aim to transfer patients to hospital care in a maximum of 30 minutes. But newly-disclosed figures show crews are being delayed from responding to further 999 calls by waiting, often for more than an hour for medics to take over. More than 9,700 hours were lost over two years at the region's hospitals, costing the service about £600,000. About 1,688 hours were lost at New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton during 2010 – the highest total in the Black Country and Staffordshire – up from 1,218 hours lost in 2009.

Concert raises £2,500

A CONCERT organised by a musician and his wife from Stourbridge helped raise more than £2,000 for charity.

The Up Close and Acoustic event was held at Bilston's Robin 2 Club after Ian Parker decided to organise a gig to back the charity his wife works for, Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children.

The event raised a total of £2,507.05, which has already been allocated to disabled children in the West Midlands area.

Mr Parker said: "A huge thank-you goes out to Scott Matthews, Steve Gibbons, and Lucy and The Rambler for giving up their time to get involved, and for their great performances."

Computer

The ambulance service has attempted to tackle delays by appointing liaison officers.

It has also launched a computer system showing how many ambulances are heading for hospitals and the seriousness of each case.

Spokesman Chris Kowalik said: "We work very closely with each of the hospitals to manage the flow of patients."

"We have seen a number of improvements."

Sally Lavender, of the Dudley Group of Hospitals, said: "We prioritise all patients who need urgent medical attention."

Resisting a sweet temptation



Don't touch the chocolate! Paula Perrins kicks off the amnesty

HELP is at hand for chocolate lovers who are determined to tackle the craving at Easter.

Hagley Slimming World Group is staging a chocolate amnesty to remove the temptation – and help a charity.

The group, which meets every Thursday (7.30pm) at Hagley Primary School on Park Road, will start the amnesty on April 7. All chocolate and sweets donated will go to the Black Country Food Bank which gives those

going through a crisis a helping hand.

Paula Perrins, Slimming World consultant in Hagley, said: "Spring is usually a time when people want to get in shape and lose weight ready for the summer holidays but often have a mountain of chocolate at Easter to wade through."

"As a chocoholic I know how hard it can be to resist temptation!" More details from Paula on 07846 847068.

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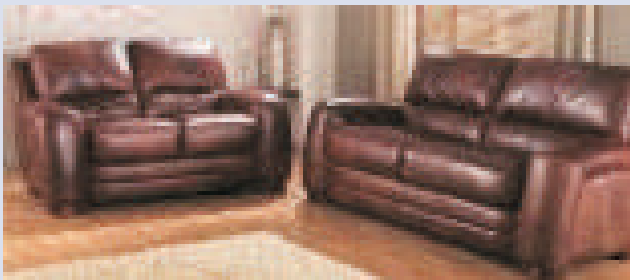
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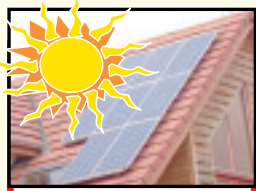
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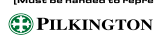
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Facebook helps to find Fluffy



Fluffy is back with owner Karen Walker after she saw him on Facebook

FLUFFY the cat has been reunited with his owner after she spotted him on Facebook – 15 months after he vanished from his home.

When Fluffy went missing, his owner Karen Walker feared she had lost him forever.

So she was stunned when she spotted a picture of him on a friend's Facebook page.

Her pet had made it almost two miles away from Karen's home in Wollaston, Stourbridge, to Oldswinford

where he was taken in as a stray by a family who then handed him over to the 'Stourbridge Cats' Protection League for permanent rehoming.

Charity volunteer Hayley Morgan put his picture on Facebook to find him a home, and the picture was spotted by her friend Karen. She ran to Hayley's house clutching a photo of Fluffy, and pet and owner were reunited.

Mother-of-two Karen, from Foster Place, said: "One day he went out the cat flap and never came back."

Car crashes into front of town offices

A CAR smashed into the front of a solicitors' office, leading to the closure of a busy road in Stourbridge.

The driver of a BMW 320 coupe, which hit the Sanders and Co building, was arrested at the scene. Officers were called to Hagley Road just after 8.30pm on Tuesday, March 22.

The front door and frame was smashed and there was damage to paintwork at the front of the building next to Butterfingers sandwich bar. The driver escaped from the wreckage uninjured.

West Midlands Police said the road had to be closed following the crash and structural engineers were sent to the scene. The out-of-town carriageway re-opened after around 45 minutes and the other side reopened when the car was recovered by 10pm.

Hallway

Senior partner at the solicitors practice Michael Davies said: "There had been blocks set up in the road when I arrived after 10pm but I was able to get through and down to the premises."

"It has caused a lot of damage to the door and front of the building. There was a lot of debris, especially in the doorway and hallway so it was thought best to let structural engineers take a look at the building." The business was open as normal the following day and workers were removing the damaged door as staff assessed the cost of repairs.

Wards to get name change

PROPOSALS to change the names of two electoral wards in Dudley borough have been approved by councillors after a long-running campaign.

Residents and councillors have called for the changes to be made to better reflect the areas the wards cover.

The Cradley and Foxcote ward will be renamed Cradley and Wollescote.

Meanwhile, Lye and Wollescote will become Lye and Stourbridge North.

At an extraordinary meeting of the full council last week councillors agreed to the changes. The names will come into effect before the local elections this May. Dudley Council chief executive John Polychronakis said: "The proposed changes will give a better reflection of how the wards are made up and where they sit in the borough."

Arrest outside cannabis factory

A DRUG addict was seen leaving a Stourbridge cannabis factory by police watching the premises, a court heard.

Thalib Hussain, aged 30, was arrested and taken back in handcuffs into the building at Leander Road, Lye, prosecutor Mrs Kanwal Juss told Wolverhampton Crown Court.

He was made to sit on the sill of a bay window while officers scoured the building, finding 211 cannabis plants.

Mrs Juss said: "When he stood up a large cling film wrap was discovered where he had been seated. Inside was heroin with a street value of £151."

Police also found £1,500 cash in a cereal box at his home but the defendant insisted that this belonged to his wife.

Hussain, from Compton Road, Tipton, had previous convictions for drug offences including a four-year jail sentence for attempted trafficking in Denmark.

He was arrested for possessing the heroin in Lye on November 6, 2009 but failed to answer bail and was only traced in July last year.

Mr Ekwall Tiwana, defending, said: "He is a habitual heroin user."

Hussain admitted possession of heroin and was given a six-month community order with a drug rehabilitation requirement.

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MEP backing couple in golly folly rumpus

A TORY MEP is among hundreds of people who have sent messages of support to a Sedgley couple who quit the Conservative party in a row over a golly doll.

Roger Helmer, MEP for the East Midlands, said he was "exasperated" at his party's stance against Bill Etheridge and his wife, Star. Mr Helmer said Prime Minister David Cameron has spoken out against political correctness.

Mr Etheridge said he will now stand as a UKIP candidate in the May Dudley Council elections in opposition to the Conservatives, who suspended him and his wife after they posed with a golly doll on their Facebook site.

The couple, of Tipton Road, Sedgley, who were both due to stand as Tory candidates in Dudley, resigned from the Conservatives after being told they were being suspended for 30 days because their actions might "bring the party into disrepute".

Represent

Mr Etheridge, aged 41, has now joined UKIP and will stand for that party in the Sedgley ward, currently held by former borough Conservatives' leader Councillor David Cault.

Mr Helmer, speaking from Brussels, said: "I share Mr Etheridge's exasperation with political correctness and I am very concerned that we have almost got the 'thought police'."

"There are dolls that represent white people and dolls that represent black people. A golly is only a caricature, in



Star and Bill Etheridge

the same way that a Cabbage Patch Doll is a caricature."

"I greatly regret that the Etheridges were suspended and that the Conservative party is taking that aggressive, politically correct line," Mr Helmer added.

Mr Etheridge said: "We have had literally hundreds of comments from people, including many Tories, supporting us – and only a very few who were against."

Call over private fostering

PARENTS who organise private fostering arrangements for their children in Dudley are being reminded to notify the council.

Private fostering is when someone, not a close relative, cares for another person's child for more than 28 days.

Book could be clear success

ANTIQUES Roadshow host Mark Hill chose Dudley for the launch of his new book celebrating the Scottish glass-making industry.

The launch of the book, called *Caitness Glass*, Loch, Heather and Peat, took place at the same time as a glass exhibition in honour of the 50th anniversary of Scottish company Caitness Glass. The exhibition runs at Broadfield House Glass Museum in Compton Drive, Kingswinford, until April 24.

The show centres on the work of Domhnall O'Brien, the company's first designer, and is accompanied by a catalogue published by Mr Hill.

Information

Family of Mr O'Brien, who now live in St Louis, Missouri, including his daughter Emer Gunter also attended the book launch after helping Mr Hill to write it by providing family history stories and information passed down through the generations.

"It was a real honour to meet the family of a man who really was groundbreaking in his work," said Mr Hill.

"He was one of the 'big four' post-war British designers, but his work has remained somewhat of a mystery until now. Hopefully this will help create a whole new level of interest for designers."

"Emer wanted to come to England and visit the museum, which she had



Front, Antiques Roadshow host Mark Hill and Emer Gunter. Back from left, Ciara Gunter, Michael Gunter, organiser Janet Hendry, and Liadan Gunter

already heard much about, London. He is now the resident 20th century design and collectables specialist for Miller's, co-author of Miller's Collectables Price Guides, and also writes regular columns for Collect It! and BBC Homes & Antiques magazine.

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HIRE charges are being introduced for mobility scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs at the Merry Hill shopping centre.

Retail giant Westfield, which owns the centre, says the charges are "essential" to maintain the service, which was previously free.

An annual registration fee of £10 is being introduced from tomorrow (April 1) as well as daily charges introduced for different wheelchairs, scooters and pushchairs. The charge for the hire of pushchairs, mobility scooters and electric wheelchairs is £2 a day. Unregistered users will be charged a one-off fee of £3.

Registered users can hire manual wheelchairs for £1 while non-registered users will be charged £3.

Tough

Dudley Council's disability champion Councillor Colin Banks said: "I would have thought with the money they are making it wasn't needed. It is just another charge for people during these tough times. I don't know whether they have thought about this commercially."

Westfield Merry Hill spokeswoman Kelly Reed said: "Merry Hill will start charging for use of Shopmobility equipment from Monday, April 4. These charges are essential for the ongoing provision of the service, the maintenance of the Merry Hill Shopmobility fleet and in order to improve the service. We have striven to keep the Shopmobility charges as low as possible."

Paws for thought as intrepid firewalkers help cat charity

WALKING barefoot across a 20ft track of embers smouldering at 800 degrees isn't everyone's idea of recreation – but that's exactly what 82-year-old Ron Myles did to raise money for an animal charity.

He was the first of a group of volunteers to stroll through the red-hot cinders in support of Stourbridge Cats' Protection.

Martin Ellis, regional fundraiser for the West Midlands, said: "It was fantastic watching Ron complete the firewalk."

"He's just one of many people who have ventured out of their comfort zone to do something incredible for cats."

"Fleur Daykin, another firewalker on the day, has managed to raise more than £830," he added.

Physics

Also taking part in the event at RAF Cosford was Express & Star features writer Chris Davies, who said the day was an experience he would happily do all over again.

"The two-hour motivational session with instructor Cliff Mann beforehand was fascinating," he said. "He demonstrated how walking through red-hot embers is possible due to a combination of physics and positivity."

"At the end of the session, no-one was left in any doubt whatsoever about whether they were going to perform the task."

"I think everyone came away from it feeling fantastic."

Saturday's event raised more than £3,000 for the Stourbridge branch of



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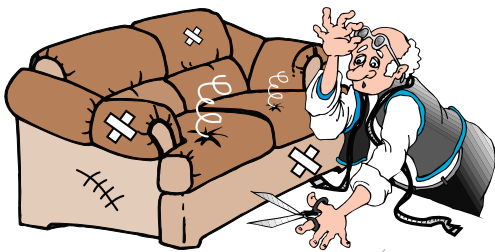
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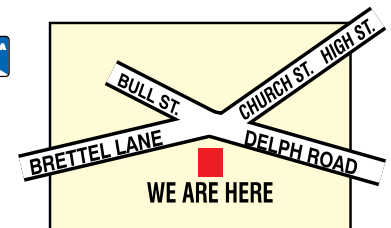
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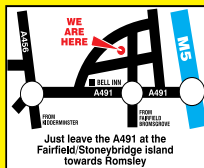
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Sarah serving meals on wheels for elderly

A DILIGENT grand-daughter is setting up her own "meals on wheels" business in Dudley after the axe fell on the existing WRVS charity service.

Sarah Freeman got the idea for her service, called The Gourmet, because her 86-year-old grandmother was struggling to get meals with good nutritional value – and she started cooking food for the pensioner at weekends.

Now 24-year-old Sarah, of Queen Street, has won a £4,000 Prince's Trust charity grant to get her business started.

Her service will provide a hot, traditional Black Country meal every day for up to 20 elderly or infirm people in the Kingswinford area.

The WRVS recently announced that it was closing its "meals on wheels" service for the Dudley borough, based at Carlisle Hall in Victoria Street, Stourbridge, today (March 31) due to a lack of funding.

Appeal for stall holders

STALLHOLDERS are being invited to sign up for the Black Country's third OH Festival.

The event, which stands for Old Hill and Our Heroes, is being held at Spring Meadow Social Club in Cradley Heath on July 16.

This year's charity is Children of Our Troops, which arranges trips for youngsters who have lost parents in conflict.

The event will begin with a military march through Old Hill.

It costs £35 to run a stall for the occasion.

Applications must be in by April 29.

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The charity looked unsuccessfully for sponsors to help cover the £50,000 annual costs.

Residents were charged £3.50 a day for a delivered hot meal and dessert, but Sarah says her version will be superior and cost £3.85.

Sarah will launch her service in early April, cooking at her home and delivering in a van.

Van

She said her grandmother, Lorna Porter, of Himley, threw away many of the meals she bought from the South Staffordshire service as she did not like them.

"She started buying ready-made meals to heat up but they are high in fat and sodium," said Sarah.

"I was worried she wasn't getting the right nutrition so started cooking meals for my nan at weekends."

"That gave me the idea for providing a service myself."



Sarah Freeman, aged 24, with her grandmother, 86-year-old Lorna Porter

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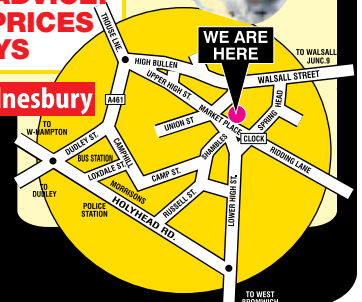
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50-year milestone for long-standing friends

TWO Black Country couples are celebrating a "golden friendship" – and their own 50th wedding anniversaries – after a bond spanning more than five decades, forged at a local rugby club.

John Gallis and Ray Stokes, both born and bred in Dudley, became firm friends when they met at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club after completing their National Service in the late 1950s.

And when they met their future wives they held a joint stag party at the clubhouse.

The do at the club, then based in Penzer Street, Kingswinford, featured an antic in which their teammates smeared them with the grease from the frying pan used to cook the post-match sausages.

Ray, who trained as a draughtsman at the former Round Oak Steelworks in Brierley Hill and later became a manager at Roof Units Ltd, Peartree Lane, Netherton, married Audrey, a shorthand typist from Smethwick, on March 25, 1961 at St Mark's Church, Smethwick.

Presidents

John, a director of the family business, Gallis Upholsterers of Dudley, married Ann, who became a nursing sister at West Park and Penn Hospitals in Wolverhampton, in her home town of Bournemouth a week later.

Ray, from Kinver, and John, from Wombourne, played for every Dudley Kingswinford Rugby team over the course of around 25 years and still help run the club, now in Swindon Road, Kingswinford. Both are past presidents and life members.

As couples, the four have met up almost every week and enjoyed holidays together, as well as playing sports.

To celebrate their golden weddings, both couples will be going back to the places where they spent their honeymoons – Ray and Audrey to London, John and Ann to Lynmouth, Devon.

Ray, of Lockside Drive, said: "It's been a golden friendship and Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club has been the catalyst for it."

John, of Mount Road, said: "We've always been good friends – we don't live in each other's pockets but we often meet up."



Ray and Audrey Stokes and Ann and John Gallis at the DK Rugby Club



The wedding of Ray and Audrey Stokes



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9ft	2744	322.00	334.00	341.00	348.00	408.00	415.00	430.00	444.00	480.00	502.00	507.00
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COURSES STARTING WEEK COMMENCING 9TH MAY 2011

Course Title	No. Wks	Time	Day	
Must Be Accompanied By Parents/Grandparents or Carers				
Music				
Drums For Fun age 7+	10	6-7.30 pm	Weds	Free
Other Courses				
Family Singing Sessions	5	6-7.30 pm	Weds	Free
Family Dance Sessions	5	6-7.30 pm	Weds	Free
Family Art and Craft Classes	10	6-7 pm	Weds	Free
Hoola Hoop Making	3	6-8 pm	Mon	Free

FAMILY CLUBS

COURSES STARTING WEEK COMMENCING 9TH MAY 2011

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Guitars for Beginners Age 7+ Children need Guitar	5	6-7.30 pm	Weds	£5 per Session
Drums for Beginners/Improvers Full Kit Age 7+	5	7.30-9 pm	Weds	£5 per Session
Keyboards Begs/Imp Age 5+ (Equipment Provided)	5	6-7.30 pm	Mon	£5 per Session
Family Cooking - (Children under 8 must be accompanied by adult)	5	1.30-3 pm	Sat	£5 per Session

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ALL COURSES START WEEK COMMENCING TUESDAY 3rd MAY 2011

ALL BEGINNERS COURSES * WILL RUN 1 EXTRA HOUR FOR THE FIRST WEEK

Dancing/ Exercise Courses

Belly Dancing (Beg) <i>Mixture of Belly Dance & Bollywood</i> * 7 - 9.30pm	10	Tues	8 - 9.30pm	£30.00
Belly Dancing (Beg/Imp/Adv) <i>Tribal Fusion</i> * 7.30- 9.30pm	10	Wed	7.45 - 9.15pm	£30.00
Salsa Dancing (Int) <i>ASSESSMENT BY TUTOR</i>	10	Tues	7.15 - 8.15pm	£20.00
Salsa Dancing (Adv) <i>ASSESSMENT BY TUTOR</i>	10	Tues	8.15 - 9pm Computer Courses	
Driving Theory (Ideal for students new to driving or re-sits) **	5	Tues	7 - 9pm	£20.00

Music Courses

Bring & Play (Whatever instrument you play) **	10	Wed	7 - 9pm	£40.00
Keyboards for Beginners * 6 - 8.30pm	10	Wed	6 - 7.30	£30.00
Guitars for Beginners * 6 - 8pm	10	Wed	6 - 7pm	£20.00
Guitars for Intermediates	10	Wed	8 - 9.30pm	£30.00

Creative Crafts/ Art Courses

Floristry (BEGS) * 6.30 - 9.30pm	10	Thurs	7 - 9pm	£45.00
Floristry (Improvers)	10	Tues	7 - 9pm	£40.00
Flower Arranging (Mixed Ability) <i>DINGLE COMMUNITY CENTRE</i>	10	Weds	1 - 3pm	£40.00
Cake Decorating Club (Beginners) **	10	Wed	7 - 9pm	£20.00
Learn How to Use a Sewing Machine * 6.30 - 9.30pm	5	Thurs	7 - 9pm	£20.00
Sewing Skills for Improvers	10	Tues	7 - 9pm	£40.00
Asian & European Dressmaking / Decorative crafts * 6.30 - 9.30pm	10	Wed	7 - 9pm	£40.00
Pottery for Beginners * 6.30 - 9.30pm	10	Thurs	7 - 9pm	£40.00
Learn to Face Paint Children (Ideal for Fetes and Parties) * 6.30-9.30pm	10	Thurs	7 - 9pm	£40.00
Art (For Absolute Beginners) * 6.30 - 9.30pm	10	Wed	7 - 9pm	£40.00
Fantasy Art (For Absolute Beginners) * 6.30 - 9.30pm	10	Tues	7 - 9pm	£40.00
Cooking For Fellas (BEGS) * 6.30 - 9.30pm	10	Tues	7 - 9pm	£50.00
Can't Cook, Want to Cook for Begs * 10-1pm <i>Enrol Tues 3/5-Thurs 5/5</i>	10	Sat	10am - 12pm	£45.00

Career Qualification Courses

PTLLS & CTELLS - for teaching in The Lifelong learning sector				
7303 minimum qualification for teaching adults ** <i>STARTS SEPT 2011</i>	10	Thurs	6 - 9pm	TBA
Level 2 Emergency First Aid at Work ** <i>RING FOR DETAILS</i>	2	Tues	6 - 9.30pm	£48.00
Paediatric First Aid ** (12 hours OFSTED Requirement)	2	Tues	6 - 9 pm	£60.00
Basic Food Hygiene Certificate (A must if working with food) **	2	Weds	6 - 9.30pm	£48.00
British Sign Language (price includes Unit 101 Exam fee) Start Sept 11	30	Wed	7 - 9pm	TBA
Start Your Own Business * 6.30 - 9.30pm	5	Thurs	7 - 9pm	£20.00

Language Courses

Holiday Spanish (Beg) * 6- 8.30pm	10	Thurs	6 - 7.30pm	£30.00
Holiday Spanish (Improvers) <i>ideal for those who attended a 10-20 hr course</i>	10	Thurs	6 - 7.30pm	£30.00
Holiday Spanish (Int) <i>ideal for those who attended a 20-30 hour course</i>	10	Thurs	7.30 - 9pm	£30.00
Holiday Italian (Beg) * 6- 8.30pm	10	Wed	6 - 7.30pm	£30.00

Recreational Courses - Courses Start Week Commencing 9th May 2011

Intro. to Beauty & Hair (Ideal for Beginners) * 6.30 - 9.30pm	10	Thurs	7 - 9pm	£40.00
Am I Psychic? (BEGS) <i>6TH SENSE DEVELOPMENT</i> * 6- 8.30pm	10	Tues	6 - 7.30pm	£30.00
Utracy And Numeracy <i>RING FOR DETAILS</i>		TBA		FREE

Dancing/ Exercise Courses

Salsa Dancing (BEGS) * 7.15- 9.15pm	10	Mon	7.15 - 8.15pm	£20.00
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Computer Courses

Computers for Absolute Beginners (All Ages) * 6.30 - 9.30pm	10	Mon	7 - 9pm	£40.00
Digital Photography Beginners/Intermediate Club **	10	Mon	7 - 9pm	£40.00
Creative Crafts/ Art Courses				
Flower Arranging (Mixed Ability) * 6.30 - 9.30pm	10	Mon	7 - 9pm	£40.00
Cake Decorating Club (Imp)**	10	Mon	7 - 9pm	£40.00
Cake Decorating Club (BEGS)**	10	Mon	7 - 9pm	£40.00

Do It Yourself Courses

Woodwork (Expert Advice on your own Project) *6.30 - 9.30pm	10	Mon	7 - 9pm	£40.00
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Music Courses

Keyboards for Mixed Abilities	9	Wed	7.30 - 9pm	£27.00
Guitars for Improvers	9	Wed	7 - 8pm	£18.00

Language Courses

Holiday Spanish (Int) <i>ideal for those who attended a 20-30 hour course</i>	9	Thurs	7.30 - 9pm	£27.00
Holiday Italian (Improvers)	9	Wed	7.30 - 9pm	£27.00
Recreational Courses				
Am I Psychic? (Int/Adv)	9	Tues	7 - 9pm	£36.00
Intro. to a Variety of Holistic Therapies for Health & Well Being	10	Mon	7 - 9pm	£40.00

*6.30 - 9.30pm
THIS COURSE STARTS MONDAY 16th MAY 2011

Dancing/ Exercise Courses - This Course Starts Monday 16th May 2011

Salsa Dancing (Imp) ASSESSMENT BY TUTOR	9	Mon	8.15 - 9 **	
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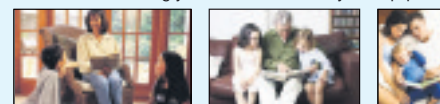
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YOUR Neighbourhood...

How to home in on right care package

ONCE you have made the decision to move into a care home you need to begin the process of choosing the right one for you as this can often take some time.

Your local council can help you choose a care home and, after a financial assessment, may contribute towards the cost.

Your right to choose

You have the right to choose which care home you live in. If your local council is helping with your fees you can still choose as long as:

- Your choice is suitable for your care needs
 - There is a place available
 - They can agree a contract with the care home to make sure you receive the support you need
 - The cost is not more than the local council normally pays for someone with your assessed needs
- If possible you should visit care homes that you are considering to make sure they meet your current and possible future needs. You might like to have a checklist with you of points that are important to you in case you forget to ask something.

Things you might want to consider:

- Are staff adequately trained to care for people with your disability or needs?
- Is it accessible?
- Is appropriate equipment available - for example handrails, hoists, adjustable baths and armchairs?
- Can you keep your own doctor?
- Can your food and dietary needs be met?
- Can your religious or cultural needs be met?

Talking to staff, residents and managers can help you get an idea what living there might be like. You should feel able to visit more than once.

Finding the right care home can take some time. If you have specific or complex care needs it can sometimes be difficult. Charities and organisations related to your specific disability might be able to offer advice about choosing a care home.



Take time to choose wisely is so important

There are relatively few care homes able to meet the needs of younger disabled people - your local council should be able to tell you about those in your area.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspects all registered care homes and writes a report on what they find. Reading the reports of the care homes you are considering might help you make a choice - you can read them online on the CQC website. On the CQC website you can search for care homes with and without nursing care. You can also look for care homes that provide care for people with:

- Learning disabilities
- Physical disabilities
- Sensory impairments
- Dementia
- Mental disorders

National minimum standards issued by the Department of Health state that care homes should offer trial stays. This may include the chance to meet staff, have a meal and an overnight stay.

If the care home does not have a place you can arrange to go into a different care home while you wait for a place or arrange for services at home. If your local council is helping with costs then they can help you with either of these options.

What if you want a care home in a different area? You may wish to move to a care home in a different local council district to the one where you currently live. This could be because you want to be near to relatives or the place where you grew up.

If you have been assessed as needing care and your local council has agreed to pay for you, then they are responsible for your fees if you choose a care home somewhere else.

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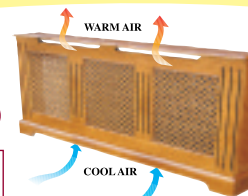
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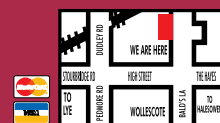
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How keeping fit can help you turn back the clock

By the time most of us reach the age of 50 or 60 we tend to accept the negative effects of ageing as a fact of life that we have little or no control over.

It is true that we can not stop the calendar from marching ahead at what seems to be a faster and faster pace, however, recent studies have shown that we can alter the rate at which our bodies progress through our life cycle.

We now have a better understanding of why some people tend to age much faster than others. There is a large body of scientific evidence that suggests that we can slow down and even reverse the symptoms of ageing. In fact many of us can be in better health in our 70s than we were in our 50s.

Recent studies indicate that between the ages of 30-70 many of the symptoms and conditions that were traditionally associated with normal ageing are in fact the result of sedentary lifestyles.

Energetic

Evaluating one's strength, endurance, mobility and cardio-vascular-pulmonary performance before and after a one-month period of complete bed rest can be equated to 30 years of aging.

The good news is that regular exercise incorporated into our lifestyle can improve our heart and respiratory function, lower our blood pressure, increase our strength, improve bone density, improve flexibility, quicken our reaction time, reduce body fat, increase muscle mass, and reduce our susceptibility to depression and disease.

Studies have shown that regular exercise by middle aged and elderly people can set back the clock 20-40 years when compared to those who do little or no exercise.

Test results show that no matter when a person starts to exercise, significant improvement can be achieved. In one study of more than 200 men and women aged 56-87, 'dramatic changes' were observed after just six weeks of exercising three to five times a week. Study participants became as fit and energetic as people 20-30 years younger.

Among once-sedentary women in their 50s who participated in an aerobic dance program for six years, fitness improved by 23 per cent and they experienced none of the functional declines typically seen with increasing age.



Keeping fit has health benefits, can be fun and is also a good way to make new friends

This group appears to have stopped the clock at an age when functional declines are usually apparent.

Comparing bone loss among women in their 80s. With those women who did seated exercises for 30 minutes, three times a week for three years, bone mineral actually increased by 2.29 per cent, whereas in a similar group of inactive women, bone loss averaged 3.28 per cent.

Various studies have shown that when our bones are taxed from exercise they grow stronger and denser and more resistant to fracture. Aerobic exercise has been shown to enhance blood flow to various parts of the brain as well as to increase the speed with which nerve messages travel through the brain.

In a study among previously sedentary middle aged men who took part in a four-month exercise and fitness program, a significant improvement was noted in the mental processes controlled by the part of the brain (left hemisphere) responsible for logical reasoning. The men who exercised three times per week, were compared on 10 tests of mental ability to a similar group of men who remained sedentary.

In a study recently published in the Annals of Inter-

nal Medicine, older adults who exercised at least three times a week were 38 percent less likely to develop Alzheimer's disease, which causes a slow, irreversible decline in brain function.

The theory is that exercise not only increases blood flow and oxygen to the brain, it may also reduce the tell-tale 'plaque' in the brain associated with Alzheimer's disease.

Alertness

Aerobic exercise strengthens your heart, helps prevent the build up of cholesterol, improves the functioning of the liver, pancreas and most vital organs.

Aerobic exercise brings additional oxygen and glucose to the brain, both of which are crucial to brain function. Exercise also promotes attention and alertness, both of which are needed to get information into your memory.

Exercise is clearly the best weapon we have to combat disease, to slow down and or reverse the effects of aging. It is no wonder that the experts in the field believe that exercise is the closest thing we have to a Fountain of Youth.

Information from www.befitoverfifty.com



It is possible to combine working with being a mum

Mums can cut the stress when going back to work

EVEN if your employer has kept your job open for you, going back to work after maternity leave or a longer break can often be a bit difficult and uncomfortable.

But there are ways you can make it a happy return.

You want to arrive at work cheerful, calm and unflustered, but you'll probably have more to do before you get there than most of your colleagues do in a week! Cut down on stress by making a plan for each stage of your first morning, from getting yourself ready, to dealing with child care, to getting to work and the things you need to do when you get there.

If your childcare arrangements are new for you, or for your child, try to have two days ahead of time when you

try out the routine. Use the time while your child is being minded to organise other things, such as travel arrangements and work clothes. If you're still feeding and plan to express breast milk at work, this is a good time to try out any equipment to make sure it works and that you're comfortable with it.

Going back to work can be exhausting, especially if you are still not getting a full night's sleep. Arrange things at home to minimise the pressure, allowing yourself a ready meal or takeaway toward the end of the week when you're tired.

Even though you may feel as though you're being pulled in 100 different directions, it's important to grab yourself some time to relax alone at least once or twice in your week.

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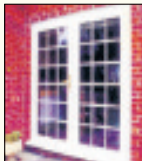


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Yours sincerely, Mrs B.C. Pedmore, Stourbridge.

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Yours sincerely, K Chadbourne
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Choice


CASUALTY
 BBC1, 8.25pm

We've watched in horror and distress as Ruth's previously sound mind descended into chaos. But, thankfully, it seems there could be light at the end of the tunnel when she finds Sally, a troubled young woman with a bad case of paranoia, slumped in the toilet and decides to examine her. What she discovers makes her realise that maybe, she could continue to be a doctor after all. Meanwhile, new medic Dylan Keogh's brazen, know-it-all attitude rubs his colleagues up the wrong way. However, it seems he has a softer heart than he's been letting on - he discovers an old patient's health has deteriorated badly, prompting him to find solace in the bottom of a wine bottle.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen. Live. 11.30 BBC News. Regional News. Weather. 11.45 Football Focus. 12.30 Match of the Day Live. Leeds United v Nottingham Forest (Kick-off 12.45pm). 2.55 Film: Galaxy Quest. (1999) Sci-fi comedy, starring Tim Allen. 4.30 Final Score. 5.15 BBC News: Regional News. Weather. 5.30 All New Total Wipeout: The Awards.

6.30 So You Think You Can Dance. The last round of auditions takes place, but judges Louise Redknapp and Sisco Gomez argue over a dancer's distinctive look.

7.30 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. A man and his mother-in-law take part in the high-tension quiz show presented by Nick Knowles in which contestants have the opportunity to win £100,000.

8.25 Casualty. Ruth realises she can still be a doctor - despite her bipolar diagnosis - after learning former mentor Sarah Evans has OCD, while Dylan Keogh is threatened with a lawsuit.

9.15 Live at the Apollo. Stand-up comedy from the Hammersmith Apollo. (R)

10.00 BBC News: Weather. 10.20 Match of the Day. Including West Ham United v Manchester United; National Lottery Update.

11.45 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games; Weatherview.

1.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 Coast. (R) 12.15 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.00 Film: The Prince and the Showgirl. (1957) Romantic comedy, with Laurence Olivier and Marilyn Monroe. 2.55 Pricess Antiques Roadshow. (R) 3.25 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.25 Flog It! (R) 4.55 Film: Carry On Again, Doctor. (1969) Comedy, starring Sid James.

6.20 Dad's Army. A bomb lands on the bank. (R)

6.50 Welsh Greats. 7.20 The Last Goon Show of All. Comedy, with Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe and Spike Milligan. (R)

8.00 Edward VII: Prince of Pleasure. Documentary drawing on research to unravel the mystery of a monarch who has been described as a sex addict, an astute political operator and a boorish philistine. (R)

9.00 Goldie's Band: By Royal Appointment. The 12 chosen youngsters develop their performance and composing skills by taking part in intensive masterclasses and workshops with music industry experts.

10.00 The Tudors. Henry is troubled by visions. Last in the series.

10.55 Nurse Jackie. Mrs Ackley offers Eddie his job back.

11.25 ICC Cricket World Cup Highlights. The final at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, India.

12.25 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. (R) 12.55 Film: The Rainbow. (1988) Period drama, starring Sammi Davis and Paul McGann. 2.40 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 9.25 Coronation Street. 11.45 This Morning: Saturday. 12.45 Monk. 1.40 ITV News: Weather. 1.45 You've Been Framed! (R) 2.15 Film: Like Mike. (2002) Children's fantasy adventure, starring Bow Wow. 4.05 Film: Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles. (2001) Comedy adventure sequel, starring Paul Hogan. 5.45 Regional Programmes. 5.55 ITV News: Weather.

6.10 New You've Been Framed! 6.40 Harry Hill's TV Burp Compilation. 7.10 Ant & Dec's Push the Button. Last week's winning family returns to take on a new set of challenges, with the teams hoping to hold on to as much of their allocated £100,000 as possible. Last in the series.

8.25 Live Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: Mother's Day Special. Chris Tarrant hosts as David Walliams and his mother Kathleen take part in a special charity edition with Oly Murs and his mum Vicky, and Patsy Palmer and her son Charley.

9.40 FILM: Wanted. (2008) Premiere. A man joins a secret society of assassins that kills people destined to commit acts of evil. Action adventure, starring James McAvoy, Angelina Jolie.

11.45 ITV News: Weather.

12.00 The Zone. ITV News Headlines. 2.05 Swington. (R) 2.55 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 Sali Mali. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 FILM: Superbike World Championship. (R) 7.30 The Grid. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 T4: Friends. (R) 9.30 T4: Rio: T4 Movie Special. 10.00 T4: Friends. (R) 10.30 T4: Glee. 11.25 T4: Great British Hairdresser. 12.30 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.55 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.25 T4 Paralympic Show. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 The Secret Supper Club. 4.25 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 4.55 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 5.25 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.00 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. Farmer's son John Beachell hosts the final dinner party in East Yorkshire. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News. 6.55 4thought.tv. The role God might play in natural disasters.

7.00 River Cottage Every Day. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall rejuvenates the working-week lunch. (R)

8.00 Seven Ages of Britain. The fifth age of Britain, beginning 1066. (R)

9.00 FILM: The Transporter 2. (2005) Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham.

10.35 Stand Up for the Week. Satirical comedy show, hosted by Kevin Blom.

11.25 FILM: Nine to Five. (1980) Comedy, starring Dolly Parton and Jane Fonda.

1.30 Sex in the 80s: Pop Sex. (R) 2.15 Privileged. (R) 3.50 Ugly Betty. (R) 4.35 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.00 Countdown. (R) 5.45 Ye Ghabba Ghabal! (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Meals in Moments. 10.10 Film Gear. (R) 10.40 The Gadget Show. (R) 11.40 Megastructures: Extreme Bridge Demolition. (R) 12.45 Film: Up Periscope. (1959) Adventure, with James Garner. 2.55 Film: The Sea Chase. (1955) Adventure, starring John Wayne. 5.05 Film: Anzio. (1968) Drama, starring Robert Mitchum.

7.20 5 News Weekend. 7.25 NCIS. A blind man unwittingly photographs evidence of a murder, leading Jehro and the team to the corpse of a petty officer who was stabbed with a knife left at the scene. (R)

8.20 CSI: Grissom's Greatest. William Petersen highlights some of Gil Grissom's most heroic moments, beginning as the team struggles to piece together events leading to the murder of a showgirl. (R)

9.15 CSI: NY. The investigators find three bodies when they arrive at the scene of an accident involving a truck full of revelers. Drama, starring Gary Sinise.

10.15 CSI: Miami. The mother of Horatio's son Kyle is involved in a murder. (R)

11.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Two bodies are found buried under tar at a building site. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. 4.00 The FBI Files. (R) 4.50 Meals in Moments. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
 3.50 American Idol 6.45 Film: Back to the Future (1985) Sci-fi comedy adventure, starring Michael J. Fox. 9.00 Film: Magicians (2007) A conjuring double act who became bitter rivals are forced to bury the hatchet to compete in an international competition. Comedy, starring David Mitchell. 10.55 Celebrity Juice 11.40 Film: Daylight (1996)

ITV3
 3.50 Foyle's War 6.00 Inspector Morse 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme 9.00 Midsomer Murders 10.55 Murder in Suburbia

ITV4
 1.55 Film: The Big Country (1958) 5.15 Film: Dunkirk (1958) 8.00 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors 9.00 Ultimate Force 10.30 Film: First Blood (1982) A Vietnam veteran escapes unjust imprisonment and flees into the wilderness, where he fights the law on his own terms. Action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone.

BBC THREE
 7.00 Top Gear 8.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Craze 10.00 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 10.45 Family Guy 11.30 American Dad!

BBC FOUR
 7.00 Nature's Great Events 8.00 Al Murray's German Adventure 9.00 Spiral 10.50 Twenty Twelve 11.20 Women in Love

E4
 1.25 Hollyoaks 4.00 Make It or Break It 4.55 Friends 6.00 Glee 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.55 Friends 9.00 Rude Tube 10.00 Film: Predator 2 (1990) A tough cop investigating a series of gruesome murders discovers it is the work of an alien that kills for sport. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Danny Glover and Bill Paxton.

FILM4
 2.55 Baby's Day Out (1994) 4.50 Batman (1966) 6.55 The Eagle Special 7.05 Turner & Hooch (1989) 9.00 PS I Love You (2007) 11.25 A History of Violence (2005)

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THE CUBE

ITV1, 7pm

Phillip Schofield is easily the most likeable man on telly. If he's not bringing us the news and celebrity gossip of a morning, he's consoling the latest contestant to be beaten by the large glass cube. Tonight he returns to our screens to present another set of challenges in the now-famous Perspex box to eager contestants, as they battle to win a cool £250,000. In this first instalment, firefighter Hayley and binman Paul are among the first to run the gauntlet. Like the rest of us, they might be quietly confident that they can surpass the speed, agility, balance and memory tasks, but they can count on having a re-think once under the actual spotlight.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks. **12.00** The Politics Show. **1.05** EastEnders. **3.00** Bargain Hunt. **3.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Points of View. **4.45** Songs of Praise. **5.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 Regional Programme. **6.30** The Boat That Guy Built. (R)

7.00 **Countryfile**. A visit to the Yorkshire Wolds, where Julia Bradbury watches one of England's oldest horse races and Matt Baker witnesses seabirds arrive for the start of the breeding season. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 **Antiques Roadshow**. The experts return to the British Museum, where items brought in by members of the public include photos of a young Elvis Presley and a pot that is not as ancient as it seems.

9.00 **Waking the Dead**. Part one of two. The team investigates the death of a terror suspect.

10.00 **BBC News; Regional News; Weather**.

10.25 **Imagine: The Trouble with Tolstoy**. Conclusion. Alan Yentob retraces the author's troubled later years.

11.25 **FILM: The Last Station**. (2009) Premiere. Period drama, starring James McAvoy.

1.10 The Sky at Night; Weatherview. **1.35** Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) **2.35** Holly City. (R) **3.35** Men of Rock. (R) **4.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** MasterChef. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP. The Spanish Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.05** Film: Viva Knievel! (1977) Motorcycling adventure, starring Evel Knievel. **3.45** Film: The Gumball Rally. (1976) Car-race comedy, starring Michael Sarrazin. **5.30** The Truth About Lions. (R)

6.30 **Jackie Stewart: The Flying Scot**. Portrait of the former racing driver, winner of three Formula One World Championships, chronicling his early career and subsequent role as an internationally respected businessman. Previously shown on BBC4.

8.00 **Top Gear**. Jeremy Clarkson and Richard Hammond debate which company has made the greatest number of exceptional cars, and Radio 2 DJ Chris Evans is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car. (R)

9.00 **Louis Theroux: America's Most Hated Family in Crisis**. The reporter pays a return visit to the Westboro Baptist Church.

10.00 **Match of the Day 2**. Manchester City v Sunderland and Fulham v Blackpool.

11.00 **Football League Trophy Final**. Brentford v Carlisle.

11.40 **FILM: Awaydays**. (2009) Premiere. Drama, with Stephen Graham.

12.00 BBC News. **4.35** The Super League Show. **5.05** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** My Best House Win. (R) **10.25** House Gift. (R) **11.30** This Morning: Sunday. **12.30** Dinner Date. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.35** Film: Columbo: Old Fashioned Murder. (1976) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.05** Torvill and Dean's Dancing on Ice Tour 2010. (R) **4.05** Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.10 **Harry Hill's TV Burp Compilation**. Classics skits and quips from past series. (R)

6.35 **Regional Programmes**. **6.45** **ITV News; Weather**. **7.00** **The Cube**. New series. A firefighter and a dustman take part in the game show, completing tasks within the confines of a large cube in a bid to win £250,000. Phillip Schofield hosts.

8.00 **Lewis**. New series. A college reunion takes a tragic turn when a guest is found murdered, and Lewis calls in a former colleague to help investigate a possible link to a 10-year-old case.

10.00 **ITV News at Ten; Weather**.

10.15 **FILM: The Bucket List**. (2008) Two terminally ill men plan to enjoy the time they have left by working through a list of things they have always wanted to do. Comedy, starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman.

12.05 Premiership Rugby Union. **12.50** The Zone: ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Film: DOA: Dead or Alive. (2006) Adventure, with Jaime Pressly. **3.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freeports on 4. **7.30** Crunchtime. **7.55** T4: The Crush. **8.25** T4: Friends. (R) **8.55** T4: Friends. (R) **9.25** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.55** T4: Glee. (R) **12.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **4.25** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Time Team.

6.30 **Channel 4 News**. **6.55** **4thought.tv**. The role of God in natural disasters.

7.00 **Come Dine with Me**. A woman with a penchant for risqué conversation takes on a landlady, a fitness fanatic and a member of a Take That tribute band as the dinner party challenge heads to Worcester.

8.00 **Civilization: Is the West History?** Niall Ferguson examines the roots of modern consumerism, and asks whether the global dominance of the West's big brands and major corporations could be coming to an end.

9.00 **Country House Rescue**. A stately home that has been in its owner's family since the 11th century.

10.00 **FILM: The Magdalene Sisters**. (2002) Drama, starring Geraldine McEwan.

12.15 Film: Lost in Translation. (2003) Comedy drama, starring Bill Murray. **2.05** Amelia and Michael. (R) **2.15** Never Did Me Any Harm. (R) **3.15** The Play's the Thing. (R) **4.10** Without a Trace. (R) **4.55** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerlots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.10** Chiro. (R) **7.15** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Hana's Helpline. (R) **8.30** Family! (R) **8.40** Milkshake Monkey. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) **10.00** Nigel Marven's Rhino Adventure. (R) **11.05** Andre Rieu in New York. **12.05** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.05** Emergency Bikers. (R) **2.05** Film: Prince Charming. (2001) Fairy-tale fantasy, starring Sean Maguire. **3.50** Film: 13 Going on 30. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Garner and Mark Ruffalo. **5.45** 5 News Weekend. **5.50** Film: High School Musical 2: Senior Year. (2008) Premiere. Teen musical sequel, starring Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens.

8.10 **FILM: Just Married**. (2003) Romantic comedy, with Brittany Murphy, Ashton Kutcher, Christian Kane and David Moscow.

10.00 **FILM: Two Weeks Notice**. (2002) Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant.

12.00 The Simon Cowell Factor. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Meals in Moments. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
4.20 The Only Way Is Essex **5.50** Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) **8.00** Kerry Katona – The Next Chapter **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Film: Batman (1989) Comic-book adventure, with Michael Keaton and Jack Nicholson.

ITV3
3.45 Pollyanna **5.45** Film: Forever Young (1992) **7.50** An Audience with Michael Buble **9.00** Film: City of Angels (1998) Romantic fantasy, starring Nicolas Cage, Meg Ryan and Dennis Franz. **11.15** Jane Eyre

ITV4
11.00 British Touring Car Championship. The opening round of the season at the Brands Hatch Circuit. **6.00** Film: Brewster's Millions (1985) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Nighthawks (1981) Action adventure, starring Sylvester Stallone. **11.00** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

BBC THREE
7.00 The World's Strictest Parents **8.00** Junior Doctors: Your Life in Their Hands **9.00** Police Academy UK **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** White Van Man

BBC FOUR
7.00 Come Clog Dancing – Treasures of English Folk Dance **8.00** The Elger: Wall of Death **9.00** Re-Trial by TV: The Rise and Fall of Rough Justice **10.00** The Highest Court in the Land: Justice Makers **11.00** Eyewitness

E4
3.10 Make It or Break It **4.05** Film: Big Momma's House 2 (2006) **6.00** Friends **7.30** 90210 **8.25** Friends **10.00** Film: The Hole (2001)

FILM4
3.10 Genevieve (1953) **4.50** Just My Luck (2006) **6.50** 4Firms For **6.55** The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (2003) **9.00** The Sum of All Fears (2002) Thriller, starring Ben Affleck. **11.20** The Breed (2006)

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Monday

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBBC. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Real Rescues. (R) 3.00 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 3.45 Flog It! (R) 4.30 Pointless. 5.10 Escape to the Country. (R) 5.55 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart. (R) 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Lambing Live. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Regional News. 11.00 Louis Theroux: America's Most Hated Family in Crisis. (R) 12.20 An Island Parish. (R) 12.50 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.05 Sali Mali. (R) 6.10 Max Bear. (R) 6.25 The Hoobs. (R) 6.50 The Hoobs. (R) 7.15 Freshly Squeezed. 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 Friends. (R) 9.10 Supernanny USA. 10.00 Brothers & Sisters. 10.55 Relocation. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 River Cottage Bites. 12.10 Jamie at Home. (R) 12.35 Film: Sea Wife. (1957) Second World War romantic adventure, starring Richard Burton and Joan Collins. 2.10 Cookery School. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Fern. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thout-tv. 8.00 Dispatches: Cashing in on Degrees. 9.00 Born Every Minute. (R) 10.00 Heston's 70s Feast. (R) 11.05 The Event. 12.05 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show. Introduces - Katy B. 12.20 Music on 4: 4Play: Gypsy and the Cat. 12.40 European Poker Tour. 1.35 Home Wasn't Built in a Day. (R) 2.30 Royal Deaths and Disasters. (R) 3.25 Codex. (R) 4.20 The Bible: A History. (R) 5.15 Ugly Betty. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 The Blasters. (R) 12.05 The Family Recipe. (R) 12.10 5 News Luncheonette. 12.20 House. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Chinese Food in Minutes. 3.15 Film: Recipe for Revenge. (1998) Crime drama, starring Corbin Bernsen. 5.00 5 News at 5. Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7.30 How Do They Do It? 5 News Update. 8.00 The Gadget Show. 5 News at 9.00 Film: Executive Decision. (1996) Action thriller, starring Kurt Russell. 11.45 Film: Undisputed. (2002) Boxing drama, starring Vin Diesel. 1.30 SuperCasino. 4.05 The FBI Files. (R) 4.55 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBBC. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. 2.30 Real Rescues. (R) 2.55 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 3.40 Flog It! (R) 4.25 Pointless. 5.10 Escape to the Country. (R) 5.55 Party Political Broadcast. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart. (R) 8.00 Lambing Live. 9.00 Filthy Cities. 10.00 Later Live - with Jools Holland. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.00 Film: Perfume: The Story of a Murderer. (2006) Period thriller, starring Ben Whishaw and Alan Rickman. 1.35 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBBC. 11.35 Meerkat Manor. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 Racing from Antiree. The first day of the Grand National meeting. 4.30 Pointless. 5.10 Escape to the Country. (R) 5.55 Party Political Broadcast. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 David Attenborough's First Life. (R) 8.00 Lambing Live. 9.00 A History of Celtic Britain. 10.00 Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Filthy Cities. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.10 Max Bear. 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 7.15 Freshly Squeezed. 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 Friends. (R) 9.05 Wife Swap USA. (R) 10.00 Brothers & Sisters. 10.55 The Restoration Man. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.15 Film: The Colditz Story. (1954) Second World War drama, starring John Mills. 2.05 Cookery School. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Fern. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thout-tv. 8.00 Three in a Bed. 9.00 Dad's Having a Baby: A Bodyshock Special. 10.10 The Ricki Gervais Show. 12.05 Music on 4: 4Play: The Kids. 12.25 Music on 4: On Track. (R) 12.40 Music on 4: The Crush. 1.35 Face of Britain. (R) 2.30 Dispatches: Cashing in on Degrees. (R) 3.20 Unreported World. (R) 3.45 Hill Street Blues. (R) 4.40 Ugly Betty. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Great Railway Adventures with Dan Cruickshank. (R) 12.05 The Family Recipe. (R) 12.10 5 News Luncheonette. 12.20 House. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 3.15 Film: The Last Days of Pompeii. (2003) Drama, starring Jamie Gant. 5.00 5 News at 5. Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7.30 How Do They Do It? (R) 7.55 Live: UEFA Europa League Football. Benfica v PSV Eindhoven (Kick-off 8.05pm). 10.00 Film: Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story. (1993) Biopic of the kung fu movie star, charting his rise to Hollywood. 11.45 Hong Kong and later Hollywood before his untimely death in 1973. With Jason Scott Lee, Lauren Holly, Robert Wagner and Michael Leado. 12.25 SuperCasino. 4.05 The FBI Files. (R) 4.55 Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

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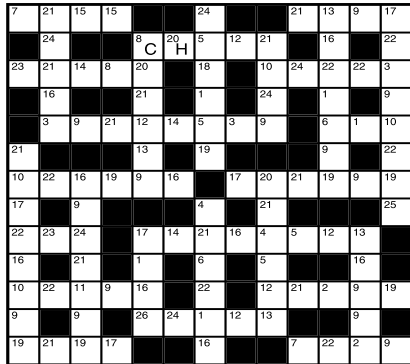
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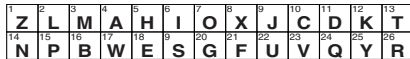
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Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Sufferers find it painful in the extreme (4)
3. Sort of residence that's desirable, being without tears (4-4)
9. Falls back again on the Royal Artillery (7)
10. Has to provide promises (5)
11. Fail to understand decimals correctly? (4,3,5)
13. Repast, perhaps, comes to a fine end (6)
15. A selfish characteristic, no argument about that (6)
17. But it's not what pyromaniacs suffer from! (7,5)
20. Shoot nothing before the rise, perhaps (5)
21. Some skyscraper turbulence to disturb you (7)
22. Reserve currency keeps one's place perhaps (8)
23. Something afoot when she holds a ring (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

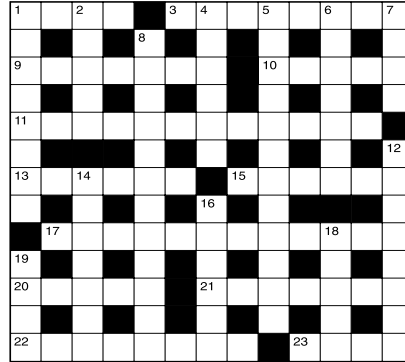
1. Compassion (4)
3. Tranquil (8)
9. Be a glutton (7)
10. Cherish (5)
11. Absurd (12)
13. Advent (6)
15. Beset (6)
17. Miraculous (12)
20. Throbbing (5)
21. Sincere (7)
22. Godliness (8)
23. Given new colour (4)

Down

1. He may warn his customers about overcharging! (8)
2. Mountain range in rural surroundings (5)
4. Cancels part of an order as essentially unjust (6)
5. Complete with food for the road (12)
6. Possibly re-unite a train (7)
7. Point the seat-out (4)
8. Gate-crasher (9-3)
12. It's lovely wandering abroad with the French (8)
14. Disease one itches strongly to have! (7)
16. His aim is to reduce the opposition one by one (6)
18. Guarantee a number will get over a painful sound (5)
19. Grave outcome of the atom bomb (4)

Down

1. Outlook (8)
2. Subject for discussion (5)
4. Property (6)
5. Promoting the same end (12)
6. Luck (7)
7. Ogle (4)
8. Public accusation (12)
12. Solitary (8)
14. Sickly-sentimental (7)
16. Purpose (6)
18. Emitting fumes (5)
19. Work (4)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Fall out; 7 Wheat; 9 Flour; 10 Sea mist; 12 Sharp answer; 14 Man in charge; 18 Proffer; 19 Moths; 21 Nears; 22 Tornado. Down: 1 Early; 2 Plough; 3 Cue; 4 Rhymes; 5 Oarsmen; 8 Get-away; 11 Proceed; 13 Hairnet; 15 Infern; 16 Ground; 17 Shade; 20 Cow. QUICK - Across: 6 Compare; 7 Mummy; 9 Rapid; 10 Complex; 12 Retribution; 14 Consequence; 18 Alleges; 19 Under; 21 Irate; 22 Release. Down: 1 Total; 2 Sprite; 3 Arc; 4 Pulpit; 5 Emperor; 8 Cobbler; 11 Croquet; 13 Forlorn; 15 Sheath; 16 Cancel; 17 Lease; 20 Fee.

Sudoku

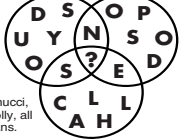
Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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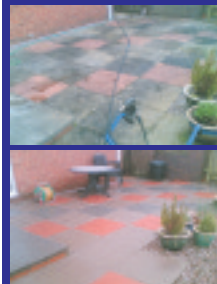
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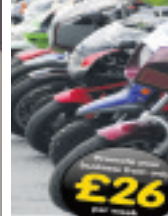


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By Sharon Walters

embedded into the sides of the wings and add to the overall smooth feel of the bodylines.

At the rear the door opens on the back in a clamshell fashion so you have a useful shelf on which you can lift things before sliding them in to the large boot space. There is a split shelf in the boot so you can put fragile items in the bottom and bulky ones on the top.

On the inside is a well finished leather interior. The seats are extremely comfortable and the front ones are fully adjustable.

The switchgear on the dashboard is reminiscent of the old sports cars with the modern equivalent of toggle switches laid out in a line.

They are easy to use and you don't need to read a full manual before you can operate them with confidence.



By the side of the gear lever is a rotary switch, again laid out very clearly, that lets you engage the myriad of options for traction control and ESP.

The dashboard comes in for particular praise. Not only is it very well laid out, with all the relevant information to hand, it is very easy to read in bright sunlight and has just the right contrast so that it does not interfere with your vision when travelling at night.

The engine is a 1600cc petrol unit which, coupled to a six-speed manual gearbox, (an automatic is an option), is perfectly matched for the size of the car. It provided a great balance of power and well-spaced gears.

On the open road the steering is light but provides enough feedback so that you can feel exactly what is happening to the road surface.

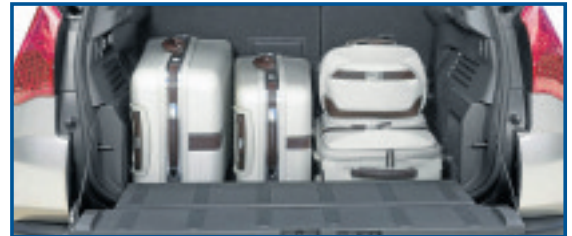
The body roll is also fairly minimal as the suspension provides a firm, yet never intrusive, ride quality that never changes from motorway driving to country lanes.

This results in a drive quality that provides a great balance between being over firm or over soft.

The Peugeot engineers have done a great job. This is the best part of the package and allows



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The black-finished alloy wheels go well with a classic colour such as white

Porsche brings its classic up to speed

CARLY SIMON sang about a certain agent in Nobody Does It Better, but she might as well have been paying homage to Porsche and its 911.

Not only has it largely set the benchmark for a sports coupe, it has been tweaked and teased to create a number of versions from the very fast to the devastatingly rapid.

If you have around £90,000 to spend on a new sports car, keeping the 911 off the shortlist is an impossible task. It's just been made even more impossible thanks to the engineers at Weissach. There used to be a jump from the hot Carrera S to the hardcore GT3, but the gap has been neatly filled by the GTS.

Like the best 911s its purpose is to offer the biggest thrills possible without a teeth-rattling ride or giving up the ease of use that makes it a genuine everyday proposition. Spotting a GTS won't be difficult. The black-finished alloy wheels will give it away, standard on the GTS and an option elsewhere.

It's an unusual touch but pleasing, with a classic body colour such as white or red.

The GTS has the wider body that appears on the Carrera 4. It gives a wider stance, more presence and provides a wider track, planting the GTS more firmly on the road.

The Sports Design bodykit entails spoilers front and rear plus side skirts finished in black. Colour choice is more important than on most 911s, but whatever you choose, the GTS is still a stunning and distinctive machine.

Mighty

Porsche isn't the kind of manufacturer to just have visual changes, so the tweaks underneath are more interesting.

The divine 3.8-litre flat six under the rear lid has been bumped up to a mighty 402bhp, with changes to the intake

system liberating extra torque at low revs.

That's matched to one of the best six-speed manual gearboxes in the business or the dual-clutch PDK seven-speed.

Go for the latter and you get conventional paddles behind the wheel, rather than the buttons that appeared on early PDK cars.

The suspension has been lowered by 10mm, and should you go for the carbon ceramic brake option, the ultimate in stopping power is underfoot.

History, presence and power make it easy to be overawed by the GTS, but like all 911s it is far from intimidating.

Slot into the snug, supportive seats and the layout of the cabin is

largely conventional, save for the unusual view.

Firing it up creates the purposeful burble and distinctive rasp from the flat six and the firm but not over-heavy clutch takes up smoothly.

Trundling around city streets reveals a car that is stiffly sprung but not harsh; you may be aware of the bumps you cover but only disturbed by the worst potholes. If you're lucky enough to drive to work every day you'll step out smiling rather than grinning and holding your back.

It's only noisy in the way you would wish, with the engine falling away when driven conservatively. But that's something you'll be doing as infrequently as possible.

Pushing on is what the



GTS suspension is even lower to the ground

GTS does best, and a clear stretch of road is the perfect opportunity. Select a low gear, squeeze the accelerator and it responds almost before you ask.

An immediate hardening of the engine note is accompanied by a determined surge, regardless of engine speed, and as the revs rise the push becomes more emphatic until the need for a gear change is almost met with relief.

Better still, the GTS comes with the sports exhaust which can be turned up at the push of a button.

The first bend will be despatched with relish

thanks to the immaculate responses from steering, brakes and throttle.

Stand firm on the reassuringly strong middle pedal then peel into a bend, and the GTS is itching to obey your commands, without hesitation and with pin-point accuracy. Grip is immense and almost unshakeable, but push hard enough and there are sideways antics to be had.

Flattering

It is immensely capable and entirely flattering, a thing for the novice to enjoy and the master to savour.

As if that wasn't sufficient, the boring stuff is sorted too.

The front boot offers reasonable space, you have a massive choice of options and especially with the PDK gearbox fitted there is surprisingly good economy – if you can resist the mesmerising performance.

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The Subaru Impreza – impressed test drivers in slippery road tests

All-wheel drive Subaru makes light of wet road

SUBARU'S all-wheel drive Impreza is the hatchback to be in when bad weather strikes, according to handling tests carried out recently by MSN Cars.

The popular automotive website took four rival hatchbacks to the Wet Grip facility at Rockingham Raceway, Northamptonshire, to establish which was the safest to own and drive on slippery and hazardous roads.

The Impreza's rivals in this slippery skid-pan shoot-out were the BMW 1 Series, Honda Civic and Volkswagen Golf.

All four were priced under £18,000, but they offered the full range of drivetrain layouts: the BMW was rear-wheel drive, the Honda and Golf were driven by the front wheels, and the Impreza, as with all production Subaru, boasted all-wheel drive.

Three separate tests were undertaken at the saturated, and very slippery, Wet Grip facility: Simulated skid recovery from

30mph, wet slalom and standing start on a polished surface.

In each of the disciplines the Impreza performed admirably, comfortably recovering the simulated skid and dispatching the slalom course with ease.

The standing start test, in particular, highlighted the obvious benefits of all-wheel drive, with the Impreza completing the course three seconds faster than the front-drive pairing of the Golf and Civic and a full six seconds ahead of the rear-drive BMW, despite being one of the least powerful vehicles on test.

Blizzard

MSN Cars said of the Impreza: "This is a car you could drive through the middle of a blizzard and emerge on the other side."

"And it doesn't even have fancy traction or stability control like the other cars here, so it

relies on the mechanical grip inherent with the AWD system.

"It held on to the road well and the all-wheel drive did the job from an icy standing start, as well as the other test situations. Best performer on the day on the skid pan."

Marketing director of Subaru UK, Kenyon Neads, added: "All-wheel drive is fundamental to our car-making philosophy."

"The test carried out by MSN Cars proves that when icy, slippery conditions take over – as they have done on numerous occasions in recent times – there is simply no substitute for the superior mechanical grip offered by our symmetrical all-wheel drive system."

Subaru's all-wheel-drive range starts at £17,345 for the entry level Impreza 1.5 RC, and rises to £35,795 for the top-of-the-range 3.6R Outback Cross-over.

For more information visit www.subaru.co.uk

Hyundai's great way to jump waiting list

HYUNDAI is offering to help buyers on waiting lists for its popular ix35 model.

The compact cross-over vehicle has proven to be a popular choice – especially the 2.0-litre diesel variant – not only across Europe, but also worldwide.

According to the Korean firm, its ix35 1.7-litre diesel model is more freely available, allowing Hyundai to offer such cars to its 200 longest waiting customers as an interim solution.

Original

The offer will enable customers to own a new 1.7-litre diesel manual ix35 immediately, and run it until their original ix35 2.0-litre diesel is ready. Customers can then move to the new 2.0-litre car – all for the price of their original order.

In practice, a customer would buy a 1.7-litre diesel ix35 from their dealership before the end of March – at the same time completing any part-exchange they intended.

When the customer's ix35 2.0-litre diesel they ordered is ready, they can part-exchange the 1.7-litre diesel at the price they paid for it, against their new 2.0 diesel – paying only the difference between the price they paid for the 1.7-litre and the price of the new 2.0-litre car as previously agreed with their dealer.

In addition, Hyundai will give the customer £300 to cover costs that may be incurred for arranging



Popular demand – drive Hyundai's ix35 1.7-litre, then upgrade

finance and insurance on two cars instead of one.

Commenting on the initiative, Tony Whitehorn, Hyundai UK's managing director, said: "The demand for ix35 and long waiting list demonstrates the popularity of the vehicle."

"But we are very aware of the inconvenience that these delays are causing our customers."

"We are doing all we can to improve the situation and constantly looking at ways to alleviate the wait. Customer satisfaction is our priority and we hope that this offer of an alternative ix35 will be attractive for our longest waiting customers."

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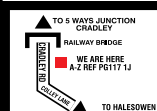
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Jon Stanier is marketing the sale of this four-bedroomed detached home in Brierley Hill, for offers around £235,000

Canalside view for four-bed detached

LOCATED within a canalside development forming part of an exclusive estate in Brierley Hill, is this well-presented four-bedroomed detached home, on the market for offers in the region of £235,000.

The modern family home at 161 Delph Road has spacious gas centrally heated and double-glazed accommodation.

The agent handling the sale, Jon Stanier, strongly advises viewing to fully appreciate what the property has to offer.

Spacious

Access is via an entrance door which leads to a reception hall with laminate flooring, a single radiator, smoke alarm and ceiling light point.

There is also a downstairs WC and study with telephone point.

The spacious lounge with dining area measures 25ft 4in x 11ft 6in.

The room has windows to the front, two ceiling light points, patio doors opening to rear garden, a double radiator and a wall-mounted contemporary electric fire which comes with a remote controller.

To the rear of the house is a breakfast kitchen which measures 12ft 11in x 11ft 6in.

This features a single drainer, a one-and-a-half bowl stainless steel sink unit, a range of floor and wall cupboards with matching roll top worksurfaces and complimentary tiling.

There is also a built-in oven with matching four-ring gas hob and cooker hood, feature ceramic tiled floor, ceiling down-lighters, a double radiator, integrated fridge and freezer, dishwasher and washing machine.

Access

Once upstairs, the landing provides access to an insulated loft, four bedrooms – two with en suite shower rooms – and a family bathroom.

The master bedroom to the rear measures 10ft 11in x 11ft 9in and along with the second bedroom include an en suite with a shower cubicle, corner wash basin and low-level WC.



The front garden is enclosed by feature wrought iron fencing

The third and fourth bedrooms measure 9ft x 8ft 9in and 11ft x 6ft respectively.

Both these rooms include fitted wardrobes.

Fitted with a suite including a bath with screen and shower, is the family bathroom.

This also comprises a wash basin, low-level WC, ceiling light point, extractor unit, single radiator and double-glazed picture window.

Outside, the grounds of the house include a side garage measuring 20ft 7in x 8ft 5in.

Balcony

The garage has overhead storage space and half-glazed door to rear gardens.

Here there is a decked balcony as well as steps to canalside gardens.

The house itself is set behind a lawned front garden with an asphalt driveway and feature iron railings.

The agent also advises there is a comprehensive intruder alarm system installed.

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From the lounge, patio doors provide views of the canal



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DUDLEY ROAD SEDGLEY



£595PCM

A three bedroom detached property within walking distance to the centre of Sedgley Village. Accommodation comprises: Kitchen/Diner with newly fitted kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room, Bathroom with both full suite and shower and downstairs toilet. Property further benefits from a garage. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

CHERRYTREE COURT WOLLESCOTE



£595PCM

An extremely well presented and recently refurbished three bedroom End of terrace property situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of Entrance hall, downstairs shower room with WC, lounge, breakfast kitchen. There are three bedrooms to the first floor and a house bathroom with white suite. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden and off road parking. Viewing recommended UNFURNISHED DSS:NO CHILDREN:YES PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO

LEANDER ROAD WOLLESCOTE



£575PCM

A well presented three bedroom semi detached property in a popular residential location. The accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. The property further benefits from electric storage heating, double glazing, garage and enclosed rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO CHILDREN:YES SMOKERS:NO PETS:NO

THE EMBANKMENT MERRY HILL BRIERLEY HILL



£525PCM

An extremely well presented two bedroom, first floor apartment located on the Merry Hill Centre. Accommodation comprises of Video entry system, hallway, fitted kitchen, lounge/diner, bathroom and two bedrooms, master having en-suite shower room. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO PETS: NO SMOKERS:NO CHILDREN:MAY CONSIDER

BAGLEY STREET STOURBRIDGE



£525.00 PCM

An extremely well presented two bedroom mid townhouse close to the centre of Stourbridge with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, fully fitted kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from night storage heaters, double glazing and rear gardens. Allocated parking. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO PETS:YES CHILDREN:YES SMOKERS:NO

ARCHER COURT WOLLESCOTE



£525PCM

A very well presented unfurnished three bedroom end terrace property in a popular residential location. The accommodation comprises of: Entrance hall, through lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, cloakroom with utility area, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from UPVC double glazing, gas central heating, front garden, rear patio and off road enclosed parking. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO SMOKERS:YES PETS: YES CHILDREN: YES

HENZEL CROFT OFF MOOR STREET BRIERLEY HILL



£515PCM

A Beautifully presented two bedroom 2nd floor apartment situated in a new development close to Brierley Hill and Merry Hill centres. The accommodation comprises: Communal entrance hall with entry phone system, private entrance hall, through lounge diner, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from double glazing, electric heating and allocated parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: No Children: Yes Pets: No Smokers: No

WOOD ROAD LOWER GORNAL



£495PCM

A traditional modernised Starter Home in established neighbourhood. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Walk-In Understair Store, Outer Lobby and Separate Lobby. Leading from a landing on the first floor are Two Bedrooms and a spacious Bathroom. The property further benefits from Gas Central Heating, a partially lawned garden and off road parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO.

ATTWOOD STREET WOLLESCOTE



£475PCM

A well presented Two Bedroom mid-terrace property Accommodation to comprise: Lounge, Fitted Kitchen including cooker, Two Bedrooms and House Bathroom. This property also benefits from double glazing and central heating. Street Parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS:NO SMOKERS: NO

DADFORD VIEW BRIERLEY HILL



£395PCM

An extremely well presented two bedroom first floor apartment with accommodation to comprise: communal entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and refitted bathroom. The property further benefits from electric heating, double glazing and allocated parking. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO PETS: MAY CONSIDER CHILDREN: MAY CONSIDER SMOKERS:NO

BEECH MEWS CRADLEY HEATH



£385PCM

A very well presented one bedroom starter home located in a quiet cul de sac. Accommodation comprises of lounge, kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. The property further benefits from double glazing and gas central heating. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO PETS:NO CHILDREN:NO SMOKERS:NO

FAIRFIELD ROAD DUDLEY

A very well presented three bedroom semi detached family residence in a popular residential location. The accommodation comprises of Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. The property further benefits from GCH, Off road parking and rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: YES

£550PCM

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£505PCM

THE QUARTER CLARENCE STREET UPPER GORNAL

An extremely well presented modern two bedroom property situated in a popular residential location. The accommodation comprises of fitted kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms and bathroom and enclosed rear garden. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and allocated parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: MAY CONSIDER CHILDREN:YES PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO

£525.00 PCM

THE QUARTER CLARENCE STREET LOWER GORNAL

An extremely well presented two bedroom terrace property situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and allocated parking. UNFURNISHED DSS:MAY CONSIDER CHILDREN:YES PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO

£525PCM

COLLIS STREET AMBLECOTE

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£525PCM

THE QUARTER CLARENCE STREET UPPER GORNAL, DUDLEY

An extremely well presented two bedroom terrace property situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and allocated parking. UNFURNISHED DSS:MAY CONSIDER CHILDREN:YES PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO

£525 pcm



A well presented two bedroom second floor apartment situated in a popular residential location with a canal aspect to the front and accommodation to comprise of: Communal entrance and staircase leading to the second floor landing where there is a private entrance door to the hallway from which there is a lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from having electric heating, allocated parking and communal grounds. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES SMOKERS: NO PETS: NO

£395PCM



An extremely well presented one bedroom first floor apartment, situated close to Merry Hill and Brierley Hill town centre. The accommodation comprise of Lounge, fitted kitchen, one bedroom and bathroom. The property further benefits from off road parking and communal gardens. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO CHILDREN:NO PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO

£385PCM



An extremely well presented one bedroom starter home with easy access to Dudley Town Centre. Accommodation comprises: Entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating and majority double glazing. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO PETS:YES CHILDREN:NO SMOKERS:YES

£375PCM



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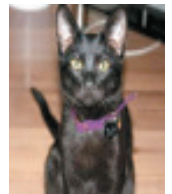
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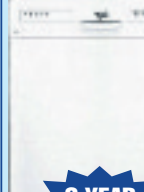


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sport

Moss try, but the Saxons miss out

Tynedale 23 Stourbridge Saxons 14
A TRY from prop Billy Moss was scant reward for the Saxons as they paid the price for squandering a series of chances to claim a rare win in the north-east.

The points were shared in the early stages, Jamie Hearn's 29th-minute penalty being cancelled out soon after by Matthew Outson.

Stourbridge had seen plenty of the ball in the opening ten minutes, twice kicking penalties to the corner only to fail to take advantage from the line-out, *writes David Lawrence*.

But it was the home side who looked the more dangerous with the ball in hand, winger Peter Cole twice gong close while opposite wing Alan Rogers also had a glorious opportunity only to knock on just short of the line.

It looked as though it would be all square at the break until Tynedale full-back Sep Visser spotted a gap in the Saxons' defences and glided through to score an unconverted try.

Outson also kicked a penalty three minutes into the second period before Stourbridge hit back with the score by Moss, the front row powering his way over the line after a quickly taken penalty had been worked out to the left wing.

Just three afloat at 11-8, the visitors looked as though they might be lifted by the score but it wasn't to be and Visser sliced through again on 54 minutes, Outson's conversion handing the home side a 10-point cushion.

Five minutes later and the full-back would have completed his hat-trick had he not knocked on as Tynedale continued to dominate.

Busy

What looked like being a straightforward victory for the home side became anything but when yellow cards for Rogers and replacement Grant Rastall saw them play out the final 20 minutes with just 14 men.

Indeed, referee Cammie Radkin was a busy man having already shown cards to Visser and Stourbridge's Cameron Brown in the first period.

But the Saxons could not make their extra man count and had to settle for a brace of Hearn penalties. In contrast, Rogers returned to the fray to run in a third Tynedale score in the closing stages.



Prop Billy Moss got on the scoresheet

Just champion – and still undefeated

Dudley Kingswinford 39 Old Halesonians 0

FLAWLESS Dudley Kingswinford claimed the Midlands One West title with a rout of Old Halesonians.

Sutton Coldfield's shock defeat at Bournville meant DK claimed the crown with two games to spare, in which they will attempt to complete a magnificent perfect season of 26 wins from 26 matches.

Local rivals Halesonians provided little resistance to rampant DK, who notched up

seven tries. They should have opened the scoring in the 12th minute following a long searching kick from Simon Fletcher, but Ed Parry was just unable to hold the pass.

Eight minutes later came the game's opening try when the pack quickly spread the ball to Jak Davis, who flew in for an unconverted score.

It should have been the first of many, with DK con-

stantly breaking the Halesonians line only to see their final pass go astray.

The pressure finally told on 39 minutes when Stefan Shillingford's astute chip over the cover saw James Jefferson cross the line for 10-0.

In first-half stoppage time the scoreline looked far healthier, with Tom Weaver's dash through two defenders earning a fine individual try,

converted by Gareth Bown.

Despite being down to 14 men with Jon Tidswell sin-binned, DK extended their lead after the break through captain Pete Knight, who took a delightful pass from Bown for the fourth try.

They then put the result beyond any doubt when Tui Asi-Pito drove over following a lineout deep in the Old Halesonians 22. A tempestuous half saw Ollie Shakespeare receive a red card for

striking an opponent, while visiting scrum half Chris Wagstaff was sin-binned for slowing the ball.

Parry added a sixth DK try after 74 minutes. James Jefferson dropped the ball over the line, but there was still time for a seventh try from Fletcher following a quick break. Old Halesonians are the opponents again on Saturday in a North Midlands Cup quarter-final at Wassell Grove (3pm).



Simon Fletcher gets the seventh try

TONKING FOR GLASSBOYS

Stourbridge 1 Hemel Hempstead Town 5

STOURBRIDGE suffered their biggest defeat of the season and their heaviest home league loss since October 2008.

Ironically that match saw Hemel Hempstead win 6-1 at the War Memorial Athletic Ground.

On Tuesday night a second-half hat-trick from striker Dennis Fenemore allied to a brace of goals from strike partner Marvin Williams sunk the Glassboys who had actually made most of the running for the first hour.

There was certainly little indication of what was to follow for much of the first period as Stourbridge held the upper hand until later in the half. Visiting keeper Mike McEntergart almost gifted Gary Hackett's men an early goal when he made a meal of a wayward low shot from Sam Rock, diving needlessly and spilling the ball. However, from a tight angle Ryan Rowe was unable to find the net.

Morris through to final

DUDLEY'S Ashley Morris is through to the British under-21 final at Lakeside – at the age of 16.

The Heathen finished a fine second behind Belle Vue prospect Jason Garrity in the semi-final at Stoke on Saturday.

Morris had been confident of progress and was as good as his word, his 12 points easing him straight to the shootout final of the Potteries event where Garrity triumphed.

Teammate Tom Perry scored seven points, getting him into the race-off for a reserve slot at Lakeside, but succumbed to Jamie Pickard.

Wolverhampton asset Joe Haines defends his title at Lakeside on April 15 before going to Herxheim, Germany two days later for a world under-21 quarter-final.

Bobbled

Home stopper Lewis Solly had barely been troubled, but a minute before the break, Hemel struck with their first shot on target. Marvin Williams cut inside past Paul Lloyd on the left before firing in a low shot that bobbled past a helpless Solly.

Yet Stourbridge equalised in the 54th minute. Leon Broadhurst delivered a cross from the left and Rowe set up Drake to lash a shot across the keeper.

The Glassboys then fell to two sucker punches in the space of five minutes. Just past the hour Williams squared the ball to Fenemore to shoot low past Solly and a few minutes later Williams broke to lob Solly for the third.

The hosts were now flagging and two stoppage time goals from Fenemore gave the scoreline an unflattering look.



Aaron Drake goes close for Stourbridge in their defeat at home. Pictures: Tony Marsh



Ryan Rowe lines up a shot



Hemel keeper Mike McEntergart punches clear

Paying the price for poor finishing

Tiverton Town 1 Stourbridge 0

STOURBRIDGE were found wanting in front of goal as Cameroonian striker Jules Emati-Emati scored the only goal of the match.

Gary Hackett's men enjoyed some good possession and mustered several shots on goal, but due to some wayward finishing they ultimately failed to score for the second game in a row.

The visitors started well and might have taken the lead in the third minute when Aaron Drake sent in a right-wing corner that was met by Paul McCone. But McCone could not direct his header.

Seven minutes later a Leon Broadhurst cross was deflected into the path of Sam Rock who drilled a shot over the bar from the left-hand side of the area.

The home side forced the first save of the afternoon with 13 minutes gone. Emati-Emati flicked the ball through to Ian Sampson, whose early lob was touched over the bar by Lewis Solly.

Safely

Stourbridge, though, had another opportunity seven minutes later as Linden Dovey capitalised on some defensive uncertainty to slip the ball through to Ryan Rowe on the right-hand side of the box only to roll his low shot wide of the far post.

In the 31st minute Solly was called into action again when a free-kick was flicked up for Leonard to hit on the volley. But the Stourbridge custodian got safely behind the ball.

The visitors went desperately close on 34 minutes when James Dyson touched the ball inside to Rowe who cracked in a 25-yard shot that beat Ross Draper, but rattled the crossbar.

But Tiverton broke the deadlock a minute later.

Leonard delivered in a free-kick beyond the far post where Kevin Hill rose to drift a header across the Glassboys' six-yard box for Emati-Emati to hook home.

Stourbridge sought to get back on level terms and they twice nearly equalised in the space of a minute.

But Tiverton doggedly defended their slender advantage to the final whistle.

Mauled Yeltz dumped back to bottom

Halesowen Town 0 Truro City 3

HALESOWEN were sent back to the foot of the table by title-chasing Truro City who left The Grove with an easy three points.

The Yeltz welcomed back Anthony Bruce and Michael McGrath but never looked like gaining revenge for a 6-0 reverse in Cornwall earlier this season, *writes David Johnson*.

Home goalkeeper Louis Connor kept out a third minute shot from Marcus Martin before making a good save from Dan Smith's drive.

After a tentative start on a bone dry playing surface Halesowen started to compete well, with Bruce's cross from

the left just evading centre forward Mark Smith. Rory Curtis then advanced down the right but saw his 23rd minute shot gathered by Truro goalkeeper Martin Rice.

The visitors had the edge on quality and took a 31st minute lead when Les Afifi, the smallest player on the pitch, converted a simple free header from Scott Walker's right-wing corner.

The Yeltz enjoyed a good spell late in the first half and Gareth Davies planted a lob over the bar before Keenan Meakin-Richards saw a shot deflect agonisingly wide of the far post. Three successive corners tested the White Tigers' defence, with former

Fulham and Leicester City striker Barry Hayles called into action to clear a Peter Folkes header off the line.

In the second half the White Tigers doubled their lead when veteran Andrew stole a march on the home defence to slot home a great finish.

A third goal came in the 73rd minute when Hayles switched play with a clever reverse pass for full-back Barry McConnell to slide home from the right.

The final few minutes were generally flat although the Yeltz went close when Bruce glanced a header wide from close range.

Lone goal is enough to take spoils

Tivdale 1 AFC Wulfrunians 0

TIVIDALE took an enormous step towards winning The West Midlands Regional League Premier Division title with a well deserved 1-0 victory over nearest rivals AFC Wulfrunians.

The home sided started brightly and built up pressure on the visitors defence and were unlucky not to take the lead in the 12th minute when Lee Chilton's excellent 15-yard shot hammered into the frame of the goal.

Two minutes later came the deciding moment of the game when Tivdale were awarded a penalty after striker Brett Clarke was brought down from behind as he was about to shoot. AFC

Wulfrunians protested so strongly the referee book three of their players.

Tivdale top scorer Chris Russell calmly despatched the ball for what turned out to be the winning goal.

The remainder of the half saw the home team on top and little was seen of a visiting attack that had mustered 17 goals in their past four matches.

Five minutes into the second half Tivdale were reduced to 10 men when the hard-working Adam Hill was given a straight red card following a tackle on Chip Southern.

Wulfs' tactic of getting the ball into the Tivdale penalty area to their tall forwards to test a patched-up defence

that lost the pivotal Joel Kettle, who failed a pre-match fitness test, did not work and the league's top scorers did not get a single effort on target.

Tivdale can thank two outstanding performances for their rise to within a point of the leaders with three games in hand. Striker Lee Chilton, who ran the visitors defence ragged, and man of the match Mark Turton, who only played at the last minute, stood out.

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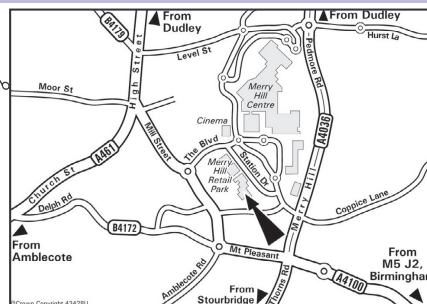
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